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UNEMPLOYED MARCH UPON WESTMINSTER

Crowds Dispersed Without Trouble.

PREMIERS PLEA TO NATION.

London, To-day.

While Premier MacDonald was broadcasting an appeal for the extending of voluntary service to aid unemployment, and the House of Commons was debating the supplementary estimate of £19,000,000 for an unemployed relief fund, crowds of unemployed marched upon Parliament Square last night.

A deputation headed by Saklatavala, former Communist Commoner, entered the House and attempted to see the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, but were told they must apply in writing whereupon they left.

Meanwhile, the demonstrators converging on the house were dispersed peacefully by police, and without any conflict.

A formal Labour amendment an protest against the Government's unemployment policy was defeated by 216 to 31.—Reuter.

RAINFALL NO AID TO RESERVOIR

Water Supply Not Much Affected.

WASH-OUTS REPORTED.

In spite of nearly two inches of rainfall since Sunday, the increase to the storage of water in the Colony's reservoirs is comparatively small. This is due to the absorption by the parched ground.

During November only .01 inch of rainfall was registered by the Royal Observatory and the figures for October show only slightly more than one inch of fall.

The Maintenance Engineer of the Waterworks Department informed the China Mail this morning that the benefit reaped by the break in the weather was negligible. The increase in storage impounded in Hong Kong amounted to 22,000,000 gallons and while the Kowloon figures were not yet to hand, he anticipated that they would be about the same as those on the Island.

The rainfall figures for last December were 4.55 inches. The rainfall since Sunday until 6.30 a.m. to-day was 3.87.

Sports Fields Benefit.

The rain has had a most beneficial effect on the local sports grounds, in particular the C. B. A. ground at King's Park, where the activities of the Kowloon Rugby Club have been curtailed owing to the hardness of the field.

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Russia Buying Steamships

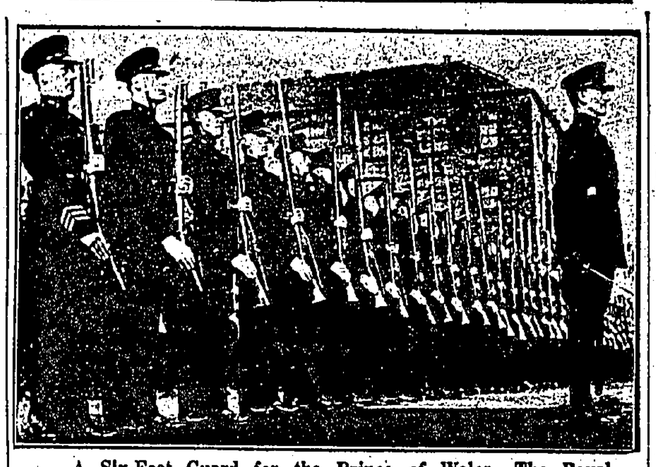
Thirteen Vessels From Germany.

Berlin, To-day.

The Soviet Government has purchased thirteen old steamers of a total tonnage 54,000 tons from the North German Lloyd Line, with three years' credit. The sale price is estimated at roughly 1,500,000 marks.

The Russians have pledged themselves not to compete with German lines.

The route on which these vessels are to operate is not divulged.—Reuter.



A Six-Foot Guard for the Prince of Wales.—The Royal Ulster Constabulary Guard for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales during his visit to Belfast, on November 16, to open the new Parliamentary and Administrative Buildings at Stormont.—The guard present arms.—(S. & G.)

BIG SUBSIDY FOR CANTON MILITARY EXPENSES.

Central Government Assists Through Shanghai Banks.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, To-day.

A Central Government subsidy of $600,000, made through two well-known Chinese banks in Shanghai, has been received by the Canton Government. The money is to be used for the upkeep of the military units.

The banks responsible for the subsidy are the Kuo Ho and the Kuo Hua Banks, each of which remitted $300,000.

EUROPEANS SUFFERING IN SHANGHAI

Out-of-Work Have Slept In Street.

DESTITUTE WOMEN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day.

There is a gloom in the city which even the spirit of Christmas cannot dispel. It is cast by the spectre of starvation and misery, which stalks abroad.

At night there are Europeans, men and women, who walk the streets, cold and hungry with no place to rest.

Never before has Shanghai known such a condition of affairs. Authorities are not aware of the precise number of unemployed Europeans in the Foreign Settlement, nor of the proportion of these who are destitute, starving and desperate. But they are numerous.

The gravity of the situation was brought home forcefully last week when a Russian, named Vladimir, former officer of the Imperial Guard at Petrograd, attempted to commit suicide by leaping into the Whangpoo. He was picked up by a junk-man. He told a tragic and pathetic story to police. He could not provide for his young wife and two small children, and he had not the courage to face them. He has been assisted.

But there are many others, among them women. Some of these are utterly destitute, and they have walked the streets at night, hungry, cold, jostled by coolies, figures of unutterable woe.

Authorities are taking what steps are possible to help them. Empty houses are being turned into refuges and those who are needy are welcomed there.

The large proportion of the European unemployed in Shanghai is Russian, but there is a considerable number of Britishers who are in the same plight.

FREE STATE WILL REPAY ITS U.S. LOAN

G$5,000,000 Borrowed In New York Market.

LEGISLATION PENDING.

New York, To-day.

The Irish Free State has decided to pay back the balance due on its Irish Republican loans of 1918 and 1920, aggregating G$5,000,000, according to the Dublin correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune."

It is stated that the necessary legislation will be introduced when the Dail reassembles on February 1.

At that session, too, the Dail Government will have the problem of its differences with Great Britain to settle. A particularly busy period is anticipated. — Reuter.

Daventry Talks To Empire

London, To-day.

The first transmission to the Empire from the new B.B.C. Broadcasting Station at Daventry was made yesterday when speeches were delivered by the Chairman of the Corporation, the Right Honourable J. H. Whitley, Director General Sir John Reith, and others.

All speeches emphasised that the service was of an experimental character, both technically and as to programmes, and that development would be assisted by the Corporation from overseas.

From to-day programmes will be broadcast regularly to all parts of Empire between 5 p.m. and midnight, local time.—British Wireless Service.

CONGRESS URGED TO CONSIDER PARLEY

SAYS BRITAIN'S REQUEST MUST BE HONOURED

WORLD CO-OPERATION SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT HOOVER HAS DELIVERED HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. IT AMOUNTS TO A REPLY TO THE BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF WAR DEBT RESPONSIBILITY AND HER REQUEST FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE. THE PRESIDENT HAS BACKED THE BRITISH VIEW, URGING UPON HIS COUNTRY THE NECESSITY OF AN EXAMINATION OF DEBTS, THE STABILIZATION OF CURRENCIES, THE WIDER AND MORE UNIVERSAL USE OF SILVER AND A CLOSER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

War debts and disarmament should be considered together, and in the relation of each to the other, the President declares. He does not desire to see debtor nations allowed freedom from their obligations, when the gold they save by avoiding their debts will be spent upon armaments and materials of war.

But above all, the President stresses the need for a stabilization of currencies. In this, the wider use of silver as a supplementary currency was urged as a matter worthy of consideration.

Appointment of a delegation, representing the Republican and Democratic parties, to attend the Disarmament Conference, empowered to negotiate at the same time on war debts, is recommended in President Hoover's latest message to Congress.

Cancellation of war debts is not envisaged, but for any reductions President Hoover clearly indicates that the debtor nations must give some "quid pro quo."

He is seeking the co-operation of President-elect Roosevelt to insure a continuity of policy, adding that the situation is so urgent that "we require national solidarity for our national welfare, and to meet the forces which are now threatening the very foundations of civilisation."

Larger Use of Silver.

Mr. Hoover believed the first and most fundamental point of attack was to re-establish the stability of currencies and foreign exchange, and that there must therefore, be concerted international action. The gold standard had worked badly since the war, but it was still only a practical basis of international settlements and the larger use of silver as a supplementary currency would aid stability in many quarters of the world.

Exaggerated Effect.

The President said he believed in the importance of war debts due the United States, relative to other world economic depression forces, had been exaggerated.

Out of a total of G$125,000,000 due in December, only G$99,000,000 had been paid. Except in one country, the taxation required for the payment of debts owing to the

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HOOVER'S COURAGE ADMIRED

British Press Full Of Praise And Hope.

ANTICIPATES CONFERENCE.

London, To-day.

President Hoover's message to Congress is generally welcomed here.

This morning's "Daily Telegraph" says: "It is welcome in a country like our own, which paid what was due in the hope of securing reconsideration and the best terms attainable."

The *Daily Herald* says: "Here at last is a basis whereon Britain at least can begin a discussion with a real hope of a fruitful result."

The *News Chronicle* adds: "His announcement, whatever Congress says, is courageous, and deserves gratitude even admiration."—Reuter.

Boncour's Cabinet Fixes Policy

No Change Except On Debts Issue.

Paris, To-day.

M. Paul Boncour and his newly-appointed Cabinet held their first meeting to discuss their programme and policy which will be read to Parliament on Thursday.

While announcing the general continuation of M. Herriot's policy, with the exception of the debts stand, the Government must propose some means for raising money in the new year by monthly vote accounts.

The Bourse welcomed the new Government with a strong rise, in national credit and rentes.

M. Herriot was defeated on the war debts issue. He was anxious that France should meet her commitments. The new Government is of a different temper.—Reuter.

Law Against Totalisators On Dog Tracks Is Sound

London, To-day.

Replying to several questions in the House of Commons, on the situation arising from last week's judgment on the legality of the totalisators on greyhound race tracks, the Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour, stated that the law as declared would be enforced against persons operating totalisators in ways contravening the law.

He was advised, he said, that it would be illegal for totalisators on greyhound tracks and in clubs to continue operation, and before deciding whether legislation was necessary desired to await the findings of a Royal Commission on lotteries and betting whose findings were about to be submitted.

The totalisator greyhound tracks represent an investment of £30,000,000, and much of the stock is held by the public.—British Wireless Service.

The new German Ambassador, Herr Von Hoesch, after he had presented his credentials to H.M. King George at Buckingham Palace.—(S. & G.)

"RACKETS" COULD PAY WAR'S COST

America's Bill For Lawlessness.

A STAGGERING TOTAL.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Washington, To-day.

The annual crime bill of the United States is greater to-day than the annual cost to the nation of carrying on the World War, according to Gordon L. Hofstetter, executive director of the Employers' Association of Chicago.

Speaking before the National Conference of Government, he said that racketeering cost Chicago yearly extortion toll equal to the cost of the entire Government of the city.

"Multiply that cost to one city," said Mr. Hofstetter, "in the cities of America and you have an appalling total as well as a subject demanding national thought as well as action."

A racket he described as "a conspiracy to control an industry or a line of trade and to commit extortion by intimidation, force, violence, blackmail, arson, murder, kidnapping, bombing and other forms of coercion."

"The only thing to which a racket can be compared accurately," added Mr. Hofstetter, "is that equally revolting and deady thing — a cancer. It is eating its way into the tissues of our industrial and commercial life."

The true racket, Mrs. Hofstetter told the conference, is comprised of four elements:—

First. — The business man, business group or association of business men.

Second.—The leaders of organised labour.

Third.—The criminal world.

Fourth. — The politician.

Qualifies Charge.

He said he was not indicating the whole field of either business

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Sir John Simon Ill At Home

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon, who was prevented from attending the session of the League of Nations Council yesterday by a severe cold, is confined to his house and will probably have to remain indoors for two or three days.—British Wireless Service.

CHINA CHARGES LEAGUE ACTION PRO-JAPANESE

Nanking Spokesman's Outspoken Views.

NO WAY OF SETTLEMENT.

Nanking, To-day.

A spokesman for the Central Government to-day charged the League of Nations with pro-Japanese leanings.

He added that unless the League changed its attitude towards the Manchurian situation, no settlement of the issue could possibly be reached.

No reaction has yet been felt here from Geneva. There has not been time for comment from any direction.

The Foreign Office spokesman declared that the Chinese Government was unable to accept the resolution drawn up by the Committee of Five in its present form.—Reuter.

Angry With Britain.

The Chinese press, generally, has been passionately declamatory over Sir John Simon's announcements at Geneva. They have openly accused the British Foreign Secretary and the chief representative of the nation at League Councils, of a leaning towards the Japanese point of view.

The popular feeling has been most noticable in the north, at Peiping and Nanking, and the daily papers at Shanghai have added their darts to the shrieking verbal attack upon the Foreign Minister.

The expression of the Nanking spokesman, however, is looked upon as far more significant and something not easily ignored. Coming as it does during the session of the Central Executive Council, where the policies of the Kuomintang are being decided upon, it may be an indication of a new spirit of antagonism to Japan and a more stubborn insistence upon China's rights in Manchuria.

N.Y. EXCHANGE TURNS HEAVY.

Resulting From Steel Weakness.

New York, To-day.

The New York Market has turned heavy on the weakness of steel, with many traders reversing their positions from buying to selling, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. The technical position, at the moment, looks less encouraging. They would, therefore, withhold buying, and they do not expect, however, any major downward reaction.

Industrials, rails and utilities showed a downward trend, while bonds showed an upward trend.

Business done was on a small scale, only 920,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

INDUSTRIAL PLANS IN KWANGSI.

General Lee Urged To Lend Help.

At the instance of General Lee Chung-yan, Commander-in-Chief of the Fourth Group Army of Kwangsi, Messrs. Wong Shun-chi and Chang Yam-man came to Hong Kong yesterday to request General Lee Chai-sum, who is now in the Colony, to proceed to Kwangsi to participate in the internal development programme.

The outcome of the delegates' mission is not yet certain, but General Lee has intimated that he will not be leaving the Colony yet, as he is not enjoying the best of health. He is also awaiting the arrival of his wife and son. The latter has been studying in America.

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New Importance Of Blouses

Sleeveless Frocks Thing Of Past

PLAIN LINEN COATS

With the arrival of the high-waisted corslet skirt, blouses have assumed a new importance. Jumpers, with the exception of the briefest knitted examples, have died out, the reason for this being that they have a somewhat shortening effect, and the essential long legged, short waisted look is difficult to achieve.

Blouses are extraordinarily attractive this season, from the most delicious transparent styles in organdi and spotted muslin to the snappy tailor-made shirts of linen and shantung. I have just seen three charming examples. One was made of white muslin with tiny green spots, and had an oval yoke in front ornamented with minute horizontal tucks, finished with a neat Peter Pan collar and short puff sleeves. The striped model was in red and white crepe de chine, the stripes being used in both directions, producing an interesting effect. The third was a blouse for smart occasions, of heavy georgette, the seams being joined with faggot stitching which also outlined the cowl neck line and was used on the long tight fitting sleeves to give the effect of a deep pointed cuff.

Finished Fashion.

The sleeveless fashion for blouses as well as dress is finished. Short sleeves and long sleeves are seen everywhere. Frocks designed for tennis or any active sport are still without sleeves, as even the shortest sleeve must prevent freedom of movement. Short sleeves that scarcely cap the shoulders are youthful and so is the new version of the puff sleeve, which has the fullness arranged in a line that almost reaches to the elbow, and is drawn downwards from the low shoulder seam. Sleeves on formal blouses are often in two colours and fit closely to the arm.

I saw a charming blouse of this character the other day worn with a simple navy blue shantung suit. The principal part was in navy blue and white diagonal crepe de chine with the lower half of the sleeves in plain navy to correspond with the quaint circular collar.

Striped Fabrics.

Striped fabrics, by the way, are very effective for blouses, especially those in gay colours of almond green, white and orange, scarlet, blue and grey, and a host of other bright combinations. There are many clever ways of arranging them to get an unusual style of blouse. Groups of vertical and diagonal stripes are effective and a very slimming line is achieved by having the diagonal stripes converging in a yoke effect and joining the vertical stripes running down to the waist.

As an alternative to plain stripes are those that combine a tiny geometrical motif patterned in with the stripes. Some of the loveliest blouses are made from fabrics of this kind in which the oriental colourings are having such a vogue.

Spotted foulard is being used a great deal. White background with patterns in dark colours present an attractive alternative to white spots on coloured grounds, and the smartest type of spot is a little smaller than a ten cent piece and rather widely spaced. Necklines to blouses in foulard invariably fasten close up around the throat. Often a loosely knotted bow of the material appears, tied just under the chin so that it takes the part of a scarf when a jacket is worn. Other blouses achieve the high neckline with lingerie collars in elaborately tucked georgette, muslin or crepe de chine.

Plain Linen Coats.

Plain linen coats worn with floral cotton dresses are always useful stand-byes. These make such practical ensembles as the materials wear and wash wonderfully. The little frocks are quite simple with their quaint round or square necks and puff sleeves, while the coats may be cut on straight lines. Just imagine a plain crash linen coat in a natural colour worn with a gay printed dress figured with scarlet flowers on white, or perhaps vivid blue cornflowers on a background to match the colour of the coat.

Perhaps you may like the idea of a floral coat and a plain cotton dress. I saw this idea carried out in a flowered linen coat patterned very closely in multi colours. Wee flowers jackets make a piquant change from the longer coats; many of them fasten with long scarf ends and tie in a butterfly bow under the chin; others have separate scarves. An economical idea would be to have a jacket and dress and also a skirt to match which would be worn with a blouse.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Breakfast.

Orange Juice
Cooked Wheat Cereal Cream
Soft Cooked Eggs
Buttered Toast Coffee

Luncheon.

Creamed Salmon
Bread Butter
Sugar Cookies Apricot Sauce
Tea

Dinner.

Macaroni and Cheese
Stuffed Apple Salads
Bread Butter
Cranberry Pie Coffee

Macaroni with Cheese, Serving 4.

- 3 cups cooked macaroni
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon celery salt
- ¼ teaspoon onior juice
- 2/3 cup cheese, cut fine
- 4 tablespoons catsup

Melt butter, add flour. When blended add milk, cook until creamy sauce forms. Stir constantly. Add seasonings and cheese. Mix well, add remaining ingredients. Pour into buttered baking dish, bake 25 minutes in moderate oven.

Stuffed Apple Salad.

- 4 firm apples
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Red Fruit Colouring.

Peel and core apples. Boil sugar and water two minutes. Add apples, cinnamon and sufficient fruit colouring to give red colour to apples. Cover, cook slowly until apples are very tender when tested with fork. Place on platter, pour remaining syrup mixture into the cavities of apples. Cool and chill. When ready to serve stuff with celery mixture.

Celery Mixture.

- ½ cup diced celery
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts
- ½ cup chopped dates
- ⅓ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup salad dressing

Mix two tablespoons of dressing with rest of ingredients. Stuff apples. Arrange on lettuce, top with rest of dressing. Serve at once.

ECONOMY LOST IN INFERIOR FOOD.

Leake Of Revenues Worth Examining.

All that may result from stinting the larder is that the health and vitality of the family are adversely affected, and it may be that the saving is much more than offset by loss of revenue resulting from impaired mental and physical vigour. The housewife herself, moreover, can hardly be expected to plan efficiently under such a handicap.

Nor is it wise to allow household tasks to be performed with obsolete and inefficient utensils. Generally the furniture, carpets and other effects in a house represent an appreciable capital expenditure, so that the possession of modern cleaning tools and the use of reputable soaps, polishes, &c., should be considered as a check on expensive depreciation.

When an inquiry is to be made into the working of a factory, with a view to improving its efficiency, one of the first matters to be investigated is that leakage of revenue which results from wastage of materials. A parallel domestic inquiry might well start at the same point.

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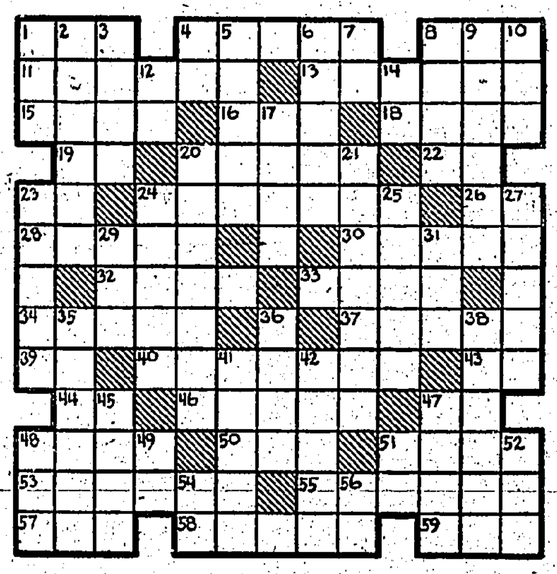
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-A tree
4-Twirls
8-A beverage
11-Rubber
13-Greasier
16-Dispatched
16-Heed
18-Persia
19-Civil Engineer (abbr.)
20-Meaning
22-Country of Europe (abbr.)
23-Near
24-Concentrates
26-And (Latin)
28-River in S. E. France
30-To strike out
32-To traverse in a vehicle
33-Scrutinize
34-Rent
37-Mischievous children
39-Printer's measure
40-Laude
43-Pronoun

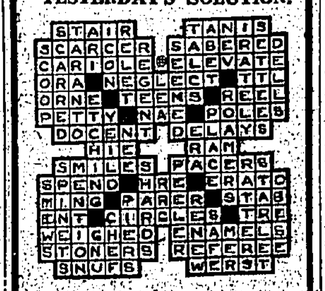
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
44-Italian river
46-Perjure
47-Exist
48-Invites
50-Skill
51-Ancient name of Anglesey
53-Odors
55-Alfoto
57-Pronoun
58-Glitter
59-A letter

VERTICAL
1-Affirmative reply
2-Constructs
3-To decline gradually
4-Point of compass (abbr.)
5-Dress with the beak
6-The Scandinavian people
7-Musical note
8-Ventilates
9-Jumped
10-Eagle

VERTICAL (Cont.)
12-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
14-Fifty-one (Roman)
17-Stake in cards
20-Farm implement (pl.)
21-Builder
23-Passageway
24-Bracing
25-Kills
27-Taut
29-Time period
31-Writing fluid
35-Country governed by an emperor
36-A wharf
38-Alters the form
41-Level with the water (Naut.)
42-Chief of evil spirits
45-Scent
47-A tiresome person
48-Pooh
49-Short meter (abbr.)
51-Mother
52-Farm animal
54-Because
56-You and I

(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle.) will appear in to-morrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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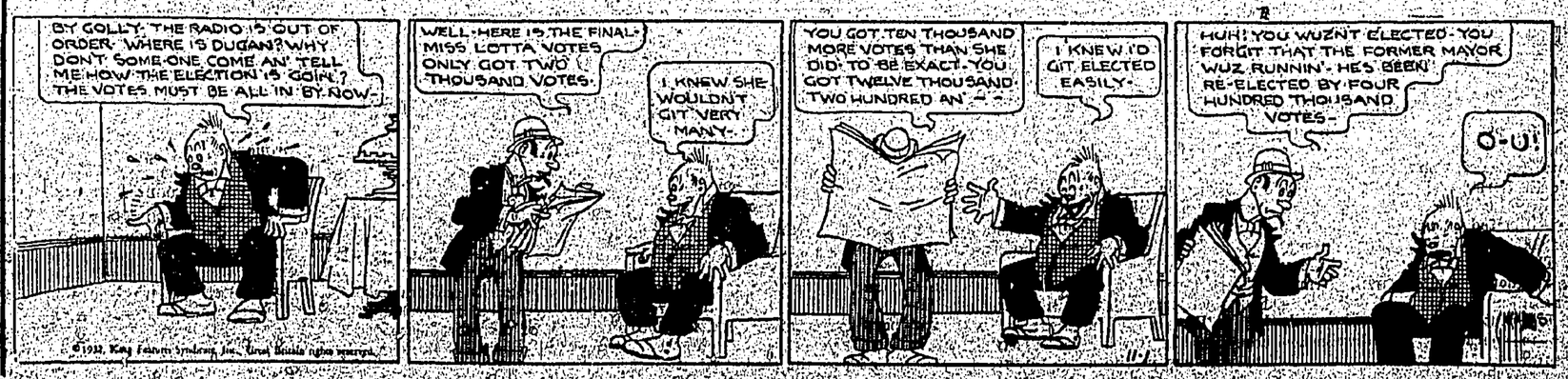

Aviation, Building and Engineering

SUBSIDIES FOR PLEASURE HOPS.

Belgium's Plan To Aid Industry.

Apprehensive of the slow growth of civilian flying in Belgium, the Government has announced a lavish scheme of subsidy by which Belgian owner-pilots will be handsomely paid for flying for pleasure.

The first grant obtainable by any member of a Belgian flying club, is one of £28 10s. 0d. towards the cost of obtaining his pilot's certificate. It is stipulated that this sum must be refunded to the member concerned and not retained by the club.

Having taught him to fly the Government will then afford the new pilot generous assistance in the purchase of his own aircraft. If the aeroplane selected is of wholly Belgian design and construction the Government will contribute a maximum sum of £285 towards its cost. If the aeroplane is of foreign design but Belgian construction this sum is reduced to £94.

Government aid is also forthcoming to keep the machine in commission and the owner may claim an annual sum of £57 towards the cost of repairs during the first four years.

"Flying Pay."

The most remarkable source of revenue, however, will come from the "flying pay" offered by the Government to all Belgian owner pilots. This varies from £1 2s. 0d. per hour for every hour flown on an all-Belgian aircraft, 5s. per hour for each hour flown on a machine of foreign design but Belgian construction. If the engine alone is of a foreign make the subsidy rate is 17s. per hour.

Finally a reduction of 50 per cent. on aerodrome landing and housing charges is allowed to all pilots whether members of flying clubs or private owners of aircraft.

It is hoped that this new scheme of subsidy will give a great impetus to the Belgian light aeroplane industry as well as providing a reserve of pilots in case of national emergency.

Under the British flying club subsidy scheme of course no payment is made to individuals, nor is any assistance given in the purchase, maintainance or housing of private aircraft. Approved clubs receive a bonus for each pilot trained but no reduction is allowed on landing fees or housing charges on Government-owned aerodromes.

Little Plane To Fly To Pole

Aviator Tells Of Plan To Conquer Antarctic

DETAILS OF STRUCTURE

(By LINCOLN ELLSWORTH)

For the first time to-day I saw the airplane with which I expect to make what has been called the last great geographical discovery possible in the antarctic.

The machine, designed and built by Jack Northrop, whose first trimlined Lockheed-Vega startled the aviation world and carried Ben Eielson and Sir Hubert Wilkins across the top of the world, is known as the Northrop Delta. It is, in size, not a gigantic machine. It measures only 48 feet wide on the wings, is 31 feet long and, empty, weighs 3,200 pounds. But it gives one the impression of gigantic power and refined, tool steeled strength.

Speed and lift were the words forcibly suggested as I watched the machine roll from the hangar. It is an all metal low wing monoplane of exquisite workmanship. The metal leaves with which the pressed dural frame work is covered fold one over the other with a smoothness resembling the feathers of a well-preened bird. Round leaded rivets neatly swedged and plumb in line hold the leaves together. Gleaming silver wings set sturdily beneath a herring-gutted fuselage tip dihedrally suggests the outline of a slim antarctic petrel.

"Pants."

Beneath the wings the wheeled undercarriage, which, in the antarctic will be changed for skiis, shows only the smallest section of the rubber tyres beneath metal streamlining, giving the impression of a ballet dancer tip-toed in momentarily arrested motion. The streamlinings are called "pants" by the aviators, but they more nearly resemble thin fitting panties than the baggy nether garments of the male. On the back of the fuselage there rises a sloping glass in the pilot's wind shield, and the glassed-in section is carried back beyond the navigator's cockpit, which is directly behind the pilot. In flight the navigator and pilot may communicate directly with each other. The streamlining is carried right through to the tail.

As part of the tail assembly, the discerning eye discovers the one apparent misfit noticeable in this tailored, fashion-plated airplane. While every other line is true, well balanced precisely in harmony, the vertical stabilizer fin is slightly askew. It is offset to correct the torque and drag of the engine propeller and slip stream, and keeps the ship, when propelled by the powerful 500 H.P. Wasp engine, straight in normal flight.

Although in the antarctic where, with Bernt Balchen at the controls, I do not expect nor intend to fly in bad weather, and although we may not need them, all the latest improved instruments for blind flying and aids to the pilot have been installed in the cockpit. Besides the normal temperature, speed, oil pressure, gas consumption, counters for the engine, there are a sperry gyro, and artificial horizon swing, visible indication of the angle of the ship in flight, and an inclinometer and rate of climb instrument register the amount of climb and wing dip. The rate of climb instrument tells if and when and how fast the machine is climbing or falling, and with all the instruments available it should be possible to fly the machine entirely blind if necessary.

Antarctic Weather.

Such necessity should only occur when testing the machine in this country. In the antarctic, which country we hope to reach in December, 1933, there are seldom any half measures in the weather. It is either violently stormy or reasonably claim and clear. Since our flight is one purely for discovery, we expert to land and wait for clear weather rather than fly through or over fog conditions.

We will not attempt to reach the South Pole: our course will keep us 400 miles away. But of the 3,000 miles we hope to cover when crossing from the Ross Sea to the Weddell Sea and return, not more than 300 miles has ever been seen by man.

It would be vain to fly over such an area except in clear weather. We believe it will be safe to land almost anywhere on the ice-covered antarctic area, especially with the aid of the newly designed flap

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gear with which the Northrop Delta is fitted. The flap gear is an arrangement under control of the pilot. It is attached to and near the trailing edge of the wing.

Slow Landing.

In flight, it is folded up and helps to form the wing in conventional shape, but if a quick take-off or a slow landing a necessary, the pilot, by winding on a threaded gear, can drop the flap, swinging it downwards as one can swing the cover of a book. The wing is then split-edged at the rear, inducing drag and increasing lift—in other words, making the machine leap upward or stopping its forward speed by putting on an air-brake.

This feature necessitates the fitting of floating ailerons or small control wings attached to the rear top of the large wing for use in controlling the machine in normal flight.

These features and several others will be thoroughly tested before the airplane leaves the factory airport and possibly, later in the winter, when in the snow and temperatures in the Northern States and Canada, we will get an opportunity to test the machine thoroughly in temperatures and on snow surfaces somewhat similar to those we will experience in the south. The antarctic summer temperature is not more severe than the winter temperatures in our Northern States.

We hope to leave the United States next fall. The antarctic flight probably will take place in December or January, but before that we will travel nearly 20,000 miles to reach the antarctic coast line.—Free Press and N.A.N.A. copyright.

BIG REFINERY AT MONTREAL.

Shell Company's G$2,000,000 Plant.

Montreal.

The Shell Oil Company of Canada, Limited, has decided to erect a $2,000,000 oil refinery in Montreal East. The Montreal Gazette makes this definite statement on information from one of the officials of the company. Work on the project will give employment to between 300 and 400 men for from nine to ten months.

The plans of the company include the construction of a two-berth dock on the St. Lawrence river for the unloading of tankers carrying crude petroleum; the erection of pipe lines from the river front to the refinery site north of Sherbrooke street east; the construction of large storage tanks and erection of the refinery plant proper. The refinery will produce gasoline and motor and industrial oils, etc.

The new Shell refinery will be located beside the refineries of the British American Oil Company and the La Salle Petroleum Refinery, Limited, the latter just recently placed under construction when the firm of Joseph Elie, Limited, fuel merchants of Montreal, decided to erect an oil refinery in Montreal East and financed the new refining company.

The Shell company, it is pointed out, has been importing gasoline and oil products from Venezuela in its own tank steamers. On completion of the new Montreal East refinery, crude petroleum only will be imported and "cracked," or refined, in the new plant, the products being distributed by tank steamer down the St. Lawrence and up the Great Lakes. It is stated also that the refined gasoline will be taken to the western coast of Canada through the Panama canal.

The Shell oil refinery will make Montreal East more than ever a most important oil refining centre. In addition to the two new refineries to be completed this year, namely those of the Shell Oil Company of Canada, Limited, and the La Salle Petroleum Refinery, Limited, there are at present located there such large refineries as those of Imperial Oil Limited; Frontenac Oil Refinery, Limited, subsidiary of the McColl-Frontenac Oil Company, Limited; and the British American Oil Company.

QUICK PROGRESS OF AIRWAYS.

Imperial Airways Ltd. have progressed amazingly. Here is their table:

Countries Served.	
1924-25	6
1927-28	8
1929-30	13
1931-32	22
Passengers Carried.	
1924-25	11,895
1927-28	26,361
1929-30	29,338
1931-32	34,162

CHINA'S NEW IRON WORKS.

Minister Pays Visit To Proposed Site.

Mr. Chen Kung-po, Minister of Industry, proceeded to Pukow on November 26 for another inspection of the proposed site of the Government Iron and Steel Works to be established by the Ministry. He was accompanied by a representative of the German syndicate interested in the project and deputies of the Military Affairs Commission and the Ministry of War.

It will be recalled that while the Ministry is in favour of establishing the works at Pukow owing to communications and other facilities, the military authorities are in favour of a site at Saddle Mountain in Anhuei owing to strategic reasons. A decision has been pending for some time, but it is hoped that a final agreement will now be reached.

SOVIET ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

Production Statistics For Nine Months.

The factories united under the Federation of Soviet-Russia Power-Current Industry, registered, according to just published statistics, during the first nine months of the current year a total production of 553,900,000 Roubles, or 29.7 per cent. more than in 1931.

The production of the factories specializing in the lighting equipment even registered an increase of 49.2 per cent. and those manufacturing electric machines of one 36.1 per cent.

During the same time railroad yards finished 67 engines driven by electricity, instead of the 150 originally planned and ten motors for Diesel engines instead of 26. In Sept. 1932 the estimated monthly production of the whole electricity industry was realized up to 84 per cent.

General Liu Pei-chuan, general manager of the China National Aviation Corporation has tendered his resignation in order to take up other duties. His successor was appointed by the directors at a meeting held on December 10.

Winnipeg's Big Enterprise

G$972,750 Auditorium To Be Erected.

Winnipeg.

The building permit issued recently for Winnipeg's civic auditorium is stated to be the largest the city has had in four years, the value being $897,750. Four years previously the permit for the new Hudson's Bay Company store construction established a record mark for high values in building permits. The auditorium is the second largest to be issued in recent years.

Previous permits, it is pointed out, had been issued for the excavation of the auditorium, $35,000, and for the caissons $40,000, making the total value of the work undertaken $972,750.

The Winnipeg contracting firm of Carter-Halls-Aldinger, Ltd., is undertaking the construction of the great auditorium and is making rapid progress to date. The building is being built on Memorial boulevard, very close to the Manitoba Legislative Buildings, on a site comprising a whole city block.

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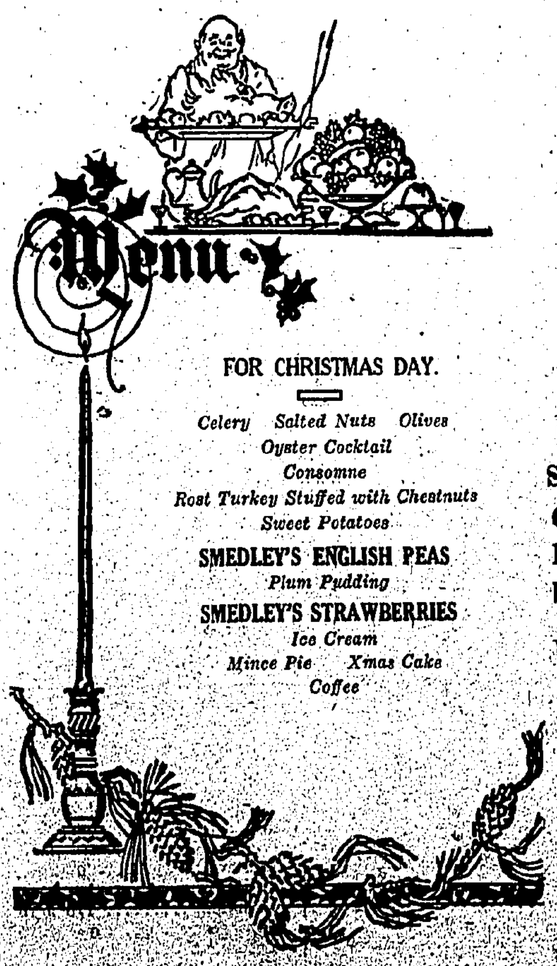

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Reserve Funds:—
Sterling .....£ 5,500,000
Silver $10,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors $30,000,000

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1932.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

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FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1932.

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.

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London	Tientsin
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1932.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

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Reserve Fund £3,000,000
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COLOMBO	SAIGON
DELHI	SEMARANG
HAIPHONG	SERDEMBAN
HAMBURG	SHANGHAI
HANKOW	SINGAPORE
HARBIN	SITIAWAN
HONG KONG	SOURABAYA
ILOILO	TAIPING
IPOH	TIENTSIN
KARACHI	TONGKAH (Bhuket)
KLANG	TSINGTAO
KOBE	YOKOHAMA
KUALA LUMPUR	ZAMBOANGA

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. BREARLEY, Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th November, 1932.

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(TAIWAN GINKO.)

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K. NAGURA, Manager

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Authorized Capital .....f. 150,000,000
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A. STOKKINK, Manager.

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Issued Capital ..... „ 8,000,000
Paid-up Capital .... „ 4,000,000
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"RACKETS" COULD PAY WAR'S COST.

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or labour unionism, explaining that high ethical standards were to be found in both.

"But," he continued, "there is also a betrayal of the public by both.

"In business," he said, "the purpose of the business man is to create and maintain for himself, and a favoured few, a monopoly in his particular field of service or trade.

"He seeks, through the pressure that can be brought by politicians in the misapplication or thwarting of the law, and through the withdrawal or withholding of labour by union leaders, to embarrass his competition to the point where they will either recognise and abide by "racket" rules and edicts or quit the field of competition.

He seeks to maintain an arbitrary price for his commodity or service, through forcing universal recognition of his particular notion of what constitutes a satisfactory price. He seeks even to dictate the enactment or application of laws that govern his business.

The Same System.

The leader of organised labour has a similar scheme.

"The politician, by paralizing the hands of the law, is, of course, looking to campaign contributions, organisation work and votes at election time, and frequently also to participation in the profits of the conspiracy.

"The criminal underworld finds lucrative employment to bomb; to commit arson; to slug, maim and kill; to terrorize an entire community into staying away from the polls at election time, and to fraudulent votion and terroristic practices at the polls."

HOSPITAL INVESTS IN FLATS.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, will lay the corner-stone of a block of flats on the side of the old Po Leung Kuk on December 28, at 3.30.

The houses are to be erected for the purpose of bringing in funds to wipe off the deficit with which the Tung Wah Hospital is faced each year. The rent roll, it is estimated, will bring in about $20,000 per year.

The work of construction has been undertaken by Messrs. Kin Cheong.

RADIO LICENCES READY.

Broadcasting receiving licences for 1933 will be available at the Wireless Licensing Office, Post Office Building, as from January 1, on receipt of a remittance of $10. Licences will be issued during working hours. Applications may be made personally, by messenger or by post.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

A.O.F.C. Quotations.

New York, Yesterday.
Dow Jones Averages.

	Last Aver.	To-day's Aver.	Changes
30 Industrials	60.11	60.08	.03 down
20 Rails	27.59	27.35	.24 down
20 Utilities	28.10	28.01	.09 down
40 Bonds	77.52	77.55	.03 up

Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. Report:—The market has turned heavy on the weakness of steel, with many traders reversing their positions from buying to selling. The technical position, at the moment, looks less encouraging. We would, therefore, without buying. Do not expect, however, any major downward reaction. Business done: 920,000 shares.

	Last Price. $	To-day's Price. $
Air Reduction	59½	59½
Allied Chemical & Dye	80¼	80⅜
American Can	54⅝	55
American Tel. & Tel.	108¼	108⅛
American Tob. "B"	61	61⅝
Anaconda Copper Mining	6⅝	6⅝
Auburn	48½	51¾
Borden Co.	25½	25¾
Canadian Pacific	14	13⅞
Chrysler Motors	17	16⅝
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	59½	59½
Drugs, Inc.	33¾	34
Du Pont de Nemours	37¾	37⅝
Eastman Kodak	56⅛	55⅝
Electric Bond & Share	20	19
General Motors	14	13¾
General Electric	15⅝	15⅝
General Foods	24¼	24½
Gillette Safety	19¼	19¾
Internat. Harvester	22⅝	22⅛
Internat. Tel. & Tel.	7⅛	7⅛
Liggett & Myers "B"	57	57½
Loew's Inc.	21¾	20⅛
Montgomery Ward	14	13½
National Biscuit	40⅛	40¼
Pacific Gas & Electric	29½	29⅞
Pennsylvania Railway	15¼	14¾
Radio Corp.	5¼	5⅛
Sears Roebuck	20⅜	20¼
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	29	29½
Socony-Vacuum Corp.	7⅝	7⅝
Union Carbide & Carbon	25⅝	25¾
Union Pacific	71½	71⅛
United States Steel	30⅛	28⅞
Westinghouse E. & M.	28⅛	27¾

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police.

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II. All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Tuesday, December 20 at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I. All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, December 22 at 5.30 p.m. Dress—Blue Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Platoon Parade. All members of the No. 2 Platoon are reminded that the parade will take place on Thursday, December 22 at the Central Police Station. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet and Badge, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried.

Indian Company.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded that the parade will take place on Thursday, December 22 at the Central Police Station for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt, Truncheon, Whistle and Armlet with Badge. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Sgd. D. L. King, D. S. P. (R).

Hong Kong, December 19, 1932.

FRESH AND FINE.

To-day's weather will be fresh and fair with North-easterly winds states the weather report issued from the Royal Observatory.

SHARE MARKET.

The official summary of the Stock Exchange issued yesterday:

The demand for cash shares, which developed on Saturday, gained further momentum to-day, and Hotels were reported done as high as $9.80, Lights $13 and Cements $9½, all of which close buyers at slightly below the best.

Sales.

Hotels (Old), $9½/9.80.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.45.
China Lights (Old), $13.
Telephones (New), $25¼.
Cements (Combined), $9½.

Buyers.

Union Insurances, $540.
Raubs, $11.
Hotels (Old), $9.85.
Hotels (New), $8.90.
Realties, $7.40.
Chinese Estates, $98.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.45.
Trams, $20.
Star Ferries, $90¼.
China Lights (Old), $12.90.
Electrics, $74.
Macao Electrics, $27.30.
Telephones (New), $25.
Cements (Old), $7.70.
Dairy Farms, $28½.
Govt. Loans, 2½% Prem.

Sellers.

Hong Kong Lands, $75.
Malabon Sugars, $27½.
Cements (New), $1.30.
Agriculturals, $8.
Constructions (Old), $6.20.
Wallace Harpers, $10.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
T.T.	1/3⅜
On demand	1/3⅜
4 months' sight	1/3½
Credits 4 months' sight	1/4¼
On New York—	
On demand	21¼
Credits 60 days' sight	22⅜
On Paris—	
On demand	542½
Credits 4 months' sight	582½
On India—	
T.T.	84⅝
On demand	84⅝
On Shanghai—	
On demand	76
On Kobe—	
On demand	100
On Manila—	
On demand	42½
On Singapore—	
On demand	55⅛
On Batavia—	
On demand	52⅞
On Saigon—	
On demand	54¼
On Bangkok—	
On demand	145
Sovereigns Bank buying rate	1/4⅛
Bar Silver per oz.	17
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29⅝% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

JAPAN INVADES SHOE MARKET.

London.

Lest it should be thought that we are exaggerating the menace of the Japanese invasion of our footwear market, it will be as well to note the extent to which the United States are suffering from this same form of encroachment. Now America's fiscal policy is intended to exclude foreign goods in competition with home manufactures. Import duties are not fixed with the idea of nullifying any advantage that the alien may have over the native manufacturer, as in the case of our half-hearted measures of protection: they are frankly prohibitive. Yet steep as these duties are made for this purpose, they are not high enough to shut out the rapidly increasing consignments of low-priced rubber footwear. During the 12 months of 1931, United States imports of rubber soled canvas shoes of foreign origin were 208,000 pairs. For the first 6 months of 1932, 1,675,000 pairs of canvas shoes were imported into America, a startling increase of 701 per cent in foreign imports.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, Dec. 19, 1932.

No Quotations Being Issued To-day, Settlement Day.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks							
Hong Kong Bank ...$	...	...	1655	1660	Dec.	Interim $3 (@ 1/3)—$17.90 a/c 1932	Aug. 8, 32
„ (Lon. Reg.)...£	...	...	...	113½			
Chartered Bank .....£		...	...	18½	Dec.	Int. 7/- Bub. to I/Tax rec 1932	Sept. —, 32
Mercantile Bk., A&B. £	...	...	...	38½	Dec.	Interim 6% less I/Tax a/c 1932	Sept. —, 32
„ C. £	...	...	...	9¾			
Bank of East Asia ...$	...	...	...	108	Dec.	$4 for 1931	Mar. 21, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.M$	...	...	...	38	Dec.	—	...
Ch. Fin. Cor. Ord. Tls.	...	...	...	6			...
„ Pref. ...Tls.	...	...	...	4.60	...	.....	...
Insurances							
Canton Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1280	Dec.	Fin. $12 bon. $5 for 1931	
Union Ins. .....$	540	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim $13 a/c 1931 / Final 10/- for 1931	May 19, 32
China Underwriters...$	...	...	...	2.80	Dec.	Interim 2½/- a/c 1931	May 27, 32
China Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	620	Dec.	None	...
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1190	Dec.	Final $2 bonus $1 and $7 for 1931 / Interim $1 a/c 1931	May 27, 32
International Assoc. Tls.	...	...	...	4.15	Dec.	$4.50 rnd bonus $1 making $55 for 1930	Mar. 30, 32
Shipping							
Douglases .....$	...	...	...	27½	Dec.	Last dividend for 1928	...
H. K. Steamboats ....$	...	...	...	28½	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	45	Dec.	12½/- ex. 2/-½ on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
„ (Def.) ...$	...	...	...	32		Last dividend for 1929	...
Shells (Bearer) .....£/-	...	...	...	46/9	Dec.	1/6 Coupon No. 59 free I/Tax for 1931	July 6, 32
Union Waterboats ....$	...	...	...	20½	Dec.	50 cents for 1931	Mar. 30, 32
Mining							
Benguets .....$	...	...	...	16½	Dec.	Secd. Int. 25 centavos a/c 1932	June 30, 32
Kailan Mining Ad. £/-	...	...	...	26/3	June	24% free I/Tax Coupon 40 for year 30-6-32	May 10, 32
Langkats (Single)...Tls.	...	...	...	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	Mar. 13, 30
S'hai Explorations..Tls.	...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	...
„ Loans .....Tls.	...	...	...	2.30	Dec.	Final T. 0.45 making T. 0.60 for 1930	Feb. 6, 32
Raubs .....$	11	...	...	...	Mar.	Third Int. 6d year 31-3-32	Pending
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	...	...	4.20	June		...
Benguet Explorations $	...	...	...	23cts.	Dec.	.....	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves $	...	...	...	143	Dec.	$6 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks...$	...	...	...	34	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
South Ch. Motors (A) $	...	...	...	10		.....	...
„ ("B") $	...	...	...	8	June		
China Providents (old) $	...	...	...	4½	Dec.	15 cents on old 8 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 24, 32
„ (new) $	...	...	...	1.60			
Hongkews .....Tls.	...	...	...	225	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1932	Sept. 30, 32
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	...	...	...	6.20	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	...	...	...	95	Apr.	T 5 for year 30-4-32	July 30, 32
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. K. & S. Hls. (old) $	9.20	...	...	...			
„ (New) $	...	8.90	...	...	Dec.	60cts.(old) 20 cts.(new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
H. K. Lands .....$	...	75	...	...	Dec.	Interim $2 a/c 1932	Aug. 12, 32
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	...	...	...	25½	Dec.	Interim 7/- 0.30 a/c 1931	July 30, 32
Metropolitan Lands Tls.	...	...	...	10	Sep.	T. 1 year 20-9-31	Oct. 28, 32
Humphreys .....$	...	...	...	15	Dec.	$1.20 on old 30 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realties .....$	7.85	...	7.80	...	Dec.	Fin. 20 cts. mak. 60 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Asia Realties "A"...M$	...	...	...	140	Dec.	.....	...
„ "B"...M$	...	...	...	38			
Chinese Estates .....$	98	...	...	...	Feb.	Final $5 making $8 a/c year 29-2-32	July 19, 32
China Realties .....Tls.	...	...	...	11.40	...	.....	...
China Debentures...Tls.	...	...	...	99½	...		...
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls.	14.40	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.35 a/c 1932	Sept. 2, 32
Shanghai Cottons ...Tls.	...	...	...	78½	Apr. and Oct.	T. 2-50 for half year 31-10-32	Nov. 28, 32
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	11½	June	T. 0-80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 6, 32
Wing On Textile S'hai$	...	...	...	130	...	.....	...
Public Utilities							
H. K. Tramways .....$	20	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 50 cts. a/c 1932	Aug. 15, 32
Peak Trams (old .....$	...	...	...	15½	Apr.	$1 on old 15 cts on new for year 30-4-32	June 4, 32
„ (new) .....$	...	...	...	8			
Star Ferries .....$	90½	...	...	...	Dec.	$5 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Yaumati Ferries (old) $	...	...	...	94½	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Apr. 27, 32
„ (new $	...	...	...	93½			
China Light (old) .....$	12.90	...	...	...	Sept.	50 cts. for year 30-9-32	Pending
„ (new) .....$	...	...	...	12.80			
H. K. Electrics .....$	74	...	...	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Ma. 28, 32
Macao „ .....$	27.80	...	...	...	Dec.	.....	...
Sandakan Lights .....$	...	...	...	12	June	None	...
H. K. Tels. (old) ...$	...	...	...	80	Dec.	Interim 4% a/c 1932	Aug. 8, 32
„ (new) ...$	25	...	...	...			
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	...	10	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1930	Feb. 25, 32
S'poreTractions(Ord.)$/-	...	...	...	2/-	Sept.	7% on preference shares for year 30-9-31	...
„ (Pref.)$/-	...	...	...	12/-			
Industrials							
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	27½	...	...	Dec.	Fn. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 32
Cald: Macg. Ord...Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 T. 0.80 for 1931	Apr. 29, 32
„ Pref...Tl..	...	...	...	10½			
Canton Ices .....$	...	...	...	6	July	25 cents for year 31-7-32	Oct. 19, 32
Cements (com.) .....$	...	...	8.70	80	Dec.	45 cents on old 05 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
„ (old) .....$	7.60	...	...	...			
„ (new) .....$	...	1.30	...	...			
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	...	...	11	Dec.	35cts. bonus 15cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Apr. 7, 32
China Agriculturals ..$	...	8	...	...	Dec.	.....	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms .....$	28½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons (old) .....$	...	...	...	12½	Oct.	80 cents on old for year 31-10-31	Apr. 19, 32
„ (new) .....$	...	...	...	11.40			...
Der A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...	20 cts. bonus 20 cts. making 50 cts. for year 29-2-32	June 8, 32
Lane Crawfords .....$	...	...	...	5.40	Feb.		
Mackintosh .....$	...	...	...	21	Feb.	$2 bonus 50 cts. for year 29-2-32	Apr. 28, 32
Sinceres .....$	...	...	...	15½	Feb.	$1 bonus 30 cts. making $1.80 for 29-2-32	May 17, 32
Wm. Powells .....$	...	...	...	8.85	Feb.	20% s. bonus 10 cts. making 30 cents for 29-2-32	Apr. 21, 32
Wing On (H.K. ....$	...	...	...	285	...	.....	...
Miscellaneous							
H. K. Amusements...$	...	...	...	18½	Mar.	$1.25 for year 31-3-32	Sept. 28, 32
Ch. Entertainment ...$	...	...	...	13.40	Dec.	60 cents for 1931	Mar. 23, 32
S. C. Enterprises .....$	...	...	...	8½	June	.....	...
United Theatres ...Tls.	...	...	...	6½	Dec.	.....	...
Macao "Greyhounds" $	...	...	...	10	Dec.	.....	...
Constructions (old) ...$	...	6.20	...	...	Dec.	40 cents on old 1½ cents on new for 1931	Apr. 5, 32
„ (new) ...$	...	...	...	1.40		.....	...
B. Ind. G$ Bonds ...$	...	...	...	69%	...	.....	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ...$	2½%	Prem.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly	...
Wallace Harpers & Co. $	...	10	...	...	Jan.	$2 for year 31-1-32	May 11, 32
China Sports Ltd. ...$	...	...	...	10	...	.....	...

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	84 15/16
New York	3.31¾
Montreal	3.30¼
Brussels	23.95½
Geneva	17.22½
Milan	64¾
Berlin	13.92½
Amsterdam	8.26
Stockholm	18.32½
Copenhagen	19.30
Oslo	19.40
Vienna	23 Nominal
Prague	112
Helsingfors	228
Madrid	40⅝
Athens	625
Lisbon	109¼
Bucharest	560
Belgrade	247½
Rio	5¾ Nom.
Buenos Aires	Nominal
Montevideo	30 Nom.
Bombay	1/6 11/64
Shanghai	1/3 5/16
Hong Kong	1/3 9/16
Yokohama	1/2 5/16
Silver Spot	17
Silver Forward	17 1/16
3½% War Loan	97 11/16

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Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	**Feet**
Talmoshan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,871

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

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IN THE GOODS of Henry Symons late of St. Hilary Midvale Road, Paignton in the County of Devon, England, formerly of Shanghai in the Republic of China, Gentleman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 16th day of January, 1933.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1932.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th December, 1932, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th January, 1933, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th December, 1932, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Green Island Cement Company, Limited, held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of August, 1932, a Call of $2.75 per share was made upon all the members holding shares, whose names appear in the Company's register of shareholders on the 17th day of August, 1932, upon which only $1.00 per share has been paid, and it was determined that such Call should be paid on the 31st day of December, 1932, to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Head Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid.

Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares, a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

By Order of the Board,

ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

WHAT ARE YOUR HEALTH PROSPECTS FOR 1933?

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations, etc.
7.3-8.15 p.m.—A programme of records kindly loaned by a listener.

Orchestral—
Estudiantina (Waldteufel)
The Skaters (Waldteufel)
International Concert Orch.

Song—
At Santa Barbara (Weatherly & Russell)
Will She be Waiting Up (Hayes & Sterndale-Bennett)
Dennis Noble (Baritone)

Organ Solo—
Organ Medley of Song Hits, 1930
Quentin Maclean.

Orchestral—
Sparkling Waters of Waikiki.
Blue Hawaii
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.

Xylophoe Solo—
Dancing Stars
Dance of the Toy Regiment
Joseph Green.

Organ Solo—
The Love Waltz
Falling in Love Again
Reginald Foort.

Orchestral—
Any Rags, Bottles or Bones
Will Anybody Here Have a Drink?
Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orch.

Piano Solo—
C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue—Medley
Raie da Costa.

Humorous—
The Parson Talks About Marriage ("Yes I Think So!")
Vivian Foster.

Orchestral—
Where the Golden Daffodils Grow
Rollin' Down the River
Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.

Orchestral—
Makin' Faces at the Man in the Moon
Cherie C'Est Vous
Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orchestraa.

8.15-9 p.m.—
A relay of the Band of the 1st Battn. The Lincolnshire Regiment by kind permission of Lt. Col. E. J. de C. Boys, M.C., & Officers., from Shum-shui-po Barracks.

Programme.
1. March—Russo (Ganne)
2. Overture—French Comedy (Bela)
3. Preludium (N. Jarnfeld)
4. Suite in Eb (Holst)
5. Parade of the Puppets (Anon)
6. Suite of Three Irish Dances (Ansell)

9-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A pianoforte recital by Professor S. Maklezoff.

Programme.
Ain't It Grand to be Bloomin'
1. Sonate Moondscheln (Beethoven)
2. Nocturne No. 3 (Liszt)
3. Valse No. 2 (Godard)
4. Venezia and Neapol No. 3 (Liszt)

9.30-10.30 p.m.— A programme of Columbia & Regal records.—Variety

Piano Solo
Words and Music—Selection
Billy Mayerl DB939.

Chorus—
Ain't It Grand to be Bloomin'
Well Dead
The Barmy Brothers MR559.

Vocal Duet—
'Leven Pounds of Heaven
Layton & Johnstone

Song—
Speak to Me of Love
Turner Layton (Tenor) DB937.

A Woodland Idyll—Bird songs and Calls
Alec Shaw, The Scottish "Bird Man" DB936.

Vocal Duet—
Love me Tonight
The Old Man of the Mountain
Layton & Johnstone DB943.

Orchestral—
Hush Hush Hush, Here Comes the Bogey Man
Teddy Bears' Picnic
The B.B.C. Dance Orch. DB955.

Organ Solo—
They All Start Whistling Mary
Happy-Go-Lucky You and Broken-Hearted Me
Sidney Torch DB940.

Octet—
Serenade
Gavette Tendre
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet DB923.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.
..All recec9. -IX N N N NUN
All records in the above European programmes, except where otherwise stated, are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

MUSICAL SERVICE IN KOWLOON.

Union Church Choir And Soloists.

A musical service has been arranged for Friday, December 23, at 9 o'clock at the Kowloon Union Church.

The programme takes the form of excerpts from the oratorios of Handel's Messiah and other masterpieces.

The augmented choir will be assisted by the soloists—Mrs. G. F. Mathison, Mrs. H. L. Lockhart and Mr. W. H. Bailey. The instrumental part of the service will be maintained by Mrs. Frank Short at the piano, and Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L. at the organ. The conductor is Mr. J. J. Cornelius.

CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"EVERYTHING'S ROSIE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Robert Woolsey has his first solo starring comedy role in Radio Pictures' "Everything's Rosie," now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

The contagious lure of the sham auction ring, with its petty trickeries and price juggling, is the comedy theme of the film.

The direction is by Clyde Bruckman, who directed Harold Lloyd in his last three pictures. Anita Louise, John Darrow, Florence Roberts and Alfred P. James are in the cast.

MAIL REVIEW

"BUSINESS AND PLEASURE"—KING'S THEATRE.

Will Rogers, the inimitable droll comedian, is on the screen of the King's Theatre, where he is playing the leading role in "Business and Pleasure" with Jetta Goudal.

Rogers is very amusing as the American razor manufacturer who is captured by a band of Arabs. His antics and frolics give rise to peals of laughter, and the situations are hilarious.

Jetta Goudal gives splendid support.

MAIL REVIEW

"THE BIG GAMBLE"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

Bill Boyd and his wife, Dorothy Sebastian act together for the first time in "The Big Gamble" now showing at the Central Theatre.

The story is about a young man who sells his life for an insurance policy, which will square his debts after his death, and leave a big profit to the man into whose power he has fallen—then he falls in love with his wife and wants to live.

Boyd gives a splendid performance, as does Dorothy Sebastian. Fred Niblo directs June McCloy, William Collier Junr., James Gleason, Zazu Pitts and Warner Oland.

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MAIL REVIEW

"THE SIN SHIP"—STAR THEATRE.

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MAIL REVIEW

"THE ROAD TO RENO"—MAJESTIC THEATRE.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1932.

Blonds For Democracy.

Constant reference is made to the use which Hitler is making of the doctrine of Nordic race superiority as originated by a Frenchman and developed by an Englishman. The Frenchman was Count Gobineau of nearly a century ago. The Englishman was Houston Stewart Chamberlian, son-in-law of the great Wagner. Since the publication of Chamberlain's "Foundations of the Nineteenth Century" in the years before the war, much has been said about his famous ascriptions of all the great acts of history to the blue-eyed blond-haired races, back to the very beginning of the present era in Palestine. The liberation of the pure German race from the perils that beset it—the Treaty of Versailles, Marxism, the Jews—is an integral part of the Hitler teaching. It has just been subjected to a spirited examination by the Vienna Arbeiterzeitung, the leading Austrian labour and Socialist daily. It found its text in the recent Swedish general election, which resulted in the replacement of a conservative government by a Socialist ministry under P. A. Hansson. In Denmark a Socialist government has been in power for some time. Now it is odd, argues the Vienna journal, that just when Hitler is stigmatizing democracy, socialism and lobourism as traits of the lower non-Nordic races, and exalting the dictatorship method as the only one suited for the rescue of the pure Germanic races—just at this time the social-democratic principles of government should be most strongly affirmed among the most northern of Nordics, among the very blondest of Teutons, among the fair-haired, blue-eyed, long-headed natives of Denmark and Sweden. If there were something in the old Wotan blood that is instinctively repugnant to freedom and self-government for the masses, it ought surely to be visible among Wotan's closest neighbours. The Vienna writer scores hardest when he turns from Scandinavian Nordicism to Scandinavian culture. Sweden and Denmark he describes as standing at the very top of popular education in Europe. It is there, he says, that one may find "in almost every farmhouse a "peasant lad who has been through high school and whose little book shelf will show, along with his textbooks in agriculture, translations of Goethe and Shakespeare." The Scandinavian countries have not escaped the world depression. Tariffs and quotas have played havoc with the dairy industry in Denmark. Economic life in Sweden is reeling from the effects of the Kreuger crash. But in neither country have the people sought salvation in Fascism. On the contrary, they moved further on toward democracy. The educational test is a useful one to apply in an discussions of the alleged doom of democracy. It cannot be sheer coincidence that European Fascism flourishes in an environment of high illiteracy, while the countries of advanced education have remained true to democracy. Germany is the only country of high standing in popular education where the democratic cause is on the defensive. But Germany's very culture is an excellent reason for maintaining that in the end German democracy will come out on top.

Mr. MacDonald As Journalist.

Surrounded in the House of Commons by a crowd of Tories imperceptibly edging him out, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald sent his congratulations to The Morning Post, highest and dryest of Tories, on the appearance of its fifty-thousandth number. That paper never hides or shades its opinions. For its honesty and straightforwardness Mr. MacDonald values it:

> I like the paper which stands by its colours, which wields a heavy sword deftly, and does not find it necessary to blazon forth daily sensations drawn from the imagination of the office in order to gain a circulation one day and produce a contradictory sensation so that it may be maintained the next. My gods are so sturdy that I can take delight in seeing them assailed, especially by the craftsmen of the pen.

He ends the deserved compliment by what lovers of good journalism which is also good literature must hope is a promise:

> Should it be my fate to return to the noble calling of the pen I shall continue to support The Morning Post, for it will be to me as of yore a good model to give me much inspiration and many subjects upon which to muse and make comments.

Mr. MacDonald is an old hand. Some forty years ago when he gave up his post as private secretary to an M.P. at a salary whose maximum was £100 a year, he started out to make a better living as a newspaper writer. At one time he was on the staff of The Weekly Despatch. He was a regular contributor to the Echo and The Daily Chronicle. In the former his articles, published in 1902 as "What I Saw in South Africa," showed that he possessed gifts of the accomplished journalist. They were clear, concise, keen, straight in their facts, with a sure but not excessive sense of the dramatic import of the Boer War. At first, from necessity, most of his work had to be done for Liberal organs, but for a time he was in charge of The Labor Leader, spokesman of the I. L. P. In weeklies and monthlies, one hardly knows where, the indefatigable free lance was at work. For six or seven years before be became leader of the Opposition he had a weekly article in the Scottish Forward. At first this was but an account or analysis of proceedings in Parliament. Beginning with 1918, he wrote whatever came in his head. The Walter Scott romantic Highlander in him was often curiously strong:

> Clouds come and go, the car gropes its way over places that are rutty and smooth, crawling past bits which drop away sheer down to the river and where a mistaken swerve would create a vacancy in the ballot paper. Suffusing the whole long view in the most wonderful silvery light, and the sky is resplendent with magic of the moon.

Here is in the midst of an election. "Here 8,500 of my 35,000 voters live." He says that incidentally. His heart is with the huge sentinel hills "who watch and move, but think not," the clouds, the moon, the scenery. Incurable poet!

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* * *

Mrs. K—— was granted a decree against her husband, to whom she was married in 1698.—*Local Paper.*

They may not have married in haste, but they have had a lot of leisure in which to repent.

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"Fader, vot is interest and capital?" "Vell, my poy, if you was to pick up a shilling and bite it, that would be interest; but if you vas to bring it home and give it to me, that vould be capital."

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The business man wanted to cut the interview short. "Let me remind you," he observed coldly, "that my time is worth a pound a minute." The other was not impressed. "By jove," he said sympathisingly. "Jolly rough on you when they put the clock on, wasn't it?"

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Personal Pars.

Mr. J. B. Ipekdjian, a prominent Manila merchant, arrived in the Colony this morning on the s.s. President Lincoln. He will be staying here on business for several weeks before returning to the Philippine Islands.

Mr. G. Arbogast, who is connected with the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., Shanghai, was a passenger on the President Lincoln which arrived here this morning from Manila. Mr. Arbogast, who is accompanied by his daughter, has been on a short vacation.

HITLER'S CRUSADE

MYSTERIOUS ARMY FOLLOWS HITLER

MYSTERY OF ORGANIZATION'S FINANCE

Munich.

One of the great German mysteries is the Nazi army. Not the existence of the army itself; that is only too obvious. The uniformed Nazi is everywhere, an all-pervasive and to many Germans not altogether an agreeable sight. But how many of them actually are there? What does it cost to maintain this private force of several hundred thousand men? And, above all, where does the money come from?

On these points there is available no authoritative information. One of the tenets of the Hitler movement is secrecy about its interior organisation, numbers and finances. Once in a while the outsider may think that a glimpse of the facts has been permitted him when some Nazi leader emits a boast—in round numbers—as to the strength of the movement in some respect or other. Unfortunately, experience has taught that these outgivings should be properly discounted. And as to finances, all is silence. It would tax the powers of a Seabury committee to find out about them.

Nevertheless, from many sources, a little here and a little there, and particularly by comparison with the cost of other German political parties not so reticent because they obtained sufficient information to have nothing to hide, there can be obtained sufficient information to sketch a composite picture, approximately accurate, of this remarkable movement, the strength of its physical organisation and the cost of the same. As to where the money comes from, one can only accept the general statements of the Nazi leaders themselves, although these seem plausible enough.

Accounts Not Audited.

At the outset, it should be said that it is difficult to differentiate between the Hitler army and the Hitler movement. The former is declared to be a separate organisation, self-contained and self-maintained, yet this is an assumption hard to understand, or to credit. As to the separate financing and self-maintenance, there is only the Nazi word for it. There is no audit of Nazi accounts, nor is there any responsibility to the membership at large either for collection or proper disbursement of funds. All that is in the hands of the little group of self-appointed leaders.

The movement, so far as outside knowledge goes, has not even a treasurer or a set of books outside of those for its insurance scheme. This is a crusade of self-sacrifice and not to be judged by ordinary standards. Moreover, so far as the living expenses and outward bearing of its leaders is concerned, it lives up to that ideal. The living standard of Hitler and his lieutenants is most modest.

Thus, while the movement has a "war ministry" and even a colonial department, it seems to lack a chancellor of the exchequer.

For these reasons, in estimating the cost and sources of income of the private army, it is necessary to bring under review the finances of the whole movement, and here one difference between German and American political organisations should be noted, for it explains much.

Members Are Assessed.

The rank and file of a political party in America, the Socialists excepted, do not pay regular assessments for the party's support. They give it their votes, but are rather inclined to expect material benefits from the party than to confer them. It is different here. The political parties assess not only the party officeholders but all their members for the party's support.

The National-Socialists, or National-Socialist German Labour party, to give them their full official title, follow the rule, and they have more than 1,000,000 enrolled members. These pay first a 3-mark (69 cents) enrolment fee, and after that monthly dues graded according to the new member's prosperity. A well-to-do Nazi or one in steady employment pays 2.40 marks (55 cents) monthly; if receiving only part-time wages, 1.40 marks (32 cents); if unemployed, 1 mark (23 cents). If he becomes a "storm trooper," wearing the uniform and becoming liable to summons for drill or party work, the Nazi pays only 80 pfennigs (18½ cents) monthly.

Thus, with a million enrolled members, the Nazi receipts from party dues, assuming that one-fourth of the members fall, respectively, into each of these four categories, would be 16,800,000 marks or nearly $4,000,000 annually. This is admittedly not the case, so it must be assumed that many Nazi do not pay, probably because they are unable to do so, but still retain their party standing. There is no doubt that, in cases of the unemployed, more prosperous friends in the movement frequently provide the few marks necessary to continue for a few months.

Besides the monthly dues, however, there is a further payment of 30 pfennigs (7 cents) a month, obligatory on all members, as a contribution to a mutual insurance scheme under which each participant is insured against any accident or disability arising out of his political activities. Most of this is profit to the organisation, for the outgo in accident payments is marvelously small.

From party memberships its opponents calculate the National-Socialist movement gathers in approximately 12,000,000 to 13,500,000 marks per annum, which is roughly from $2,500,000 to $3,500,000. Other sources of income raise this total perhaps by as much as from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 marks.

There is first, of all the income from the insurance scheme of which mention has already been made. The income from the Nazi newspapers, which spend nothing for news, only a modicum for printing and very little for paper, must also be taken into account, for most of it goes into the party chest. These party organs are small and flimsy to the last degree, while selling for the same price as real newspapers. Nevertheless, as propaganda sheets and purveyors of "hot stuff" in the way of political denunciation and innuendo, they have enormous circulations, and all or almost all of them are understood to return a profit.

No Trouble To Get Money.

All in all, there seems to be expended on the Nazi movement as a whole, including the Nazi private army, from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 marks ($4,000,000 to $5,750,000) annually. Where does the money come from in a Germany undoubtedly impoverished by world depression and heavily taxed to meet world obligations?

This is not such a problem as it seemed at first glance. A movement which is semi-religious in its fanaticism and which can poll 13,500,000 votes finds little difficulty in obtaining funds. When one remembers the thousands in America who took all they had and laid it at the feet of the magnetic John Alexander Dowie in Chicago forty years ago, and the almost unlimited resources open to the Bull Moose movement when Theodore Roosevelt led it, it is easy to explain the Hitler command of marks by the million.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

Building operation are steadily going on at Cheung Chau, and the present work in hand will soon by augmented by the commencement of the building of a new Hospital, the site for which has already been chosen.

No. 18, the former residence of Mr. H. Holt, who has for the past few years, resided in America, is being improved and enlarged, in *readiness for its being sold.*

On Monday afternoon Lady Peel and Lady Wilson attended Mrs. Kotewall's "At Home" to members of the Halcyon Club and friends.

BIRTH.

WAAN.—On December 18, at Hong Kong, to Mary, wife of John S. H. Waan, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young, Macao, a daughter. Shanghai and Straits papers please copy.

ANGLO-PERSIAN DISPUTE AIRED BEFORE LEAGUE

Britain Issues A Grave Warning.

PERSIA'S STAND VIEWED.

Geneva, To-day.

The Council of the League of Nations adjourned its consideration of the Anglo-Persian oilfield dispute from its next meeting, on January 6, to January 23.

Persia is endeavouring to justify the abrogation of the treaty. Great Britain has forbidden her so to do.

London, To-day.

The dispute between the British and Persian Governments regarding the Anglo-Persian Oil Concession, referred to the League of Nations by the British Government under Article XV of the Covenant, came before the League Council at Geneva yesterday.

Britain had proposed submitting the dispute, which arises out of the Persian Government's action in announcing the cancellation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's concession, to the International Court of Arbitration at Hague, but as the Persian Government disputed the competence of that tribunal to deal with the case, the British Government, to prevent a waste of time, brought it before the League Council.

The British memorandum presented on the dispute, traces the history of the concession which does not expire until 1961, and which contains no provision for unilateral cancellation. The Persian Government up to end of last year had received over £11,000,000 in royalty.

The situation earlier this year was that a preliminary agreement for modifying the existing basis on which the royalty was calculated, had been reached between the Persian Government and the Company and had been approved by the Persian Council of Ministers, and a formal agreement to give it effect had already been negotiated and initialled by representatives of the parties and had been for some months under the consideration of the Persian Government.

Although apparently dissatisfied with the proposed agreement, no alternative proposals to the Company had actually been made by Persian Government.

The Company would have been perfectly prepared to consider any such proposals on receiving them, and if no agreement had been possible, any claims by the Government against the Company should have been submitted to arbitration in accordance with the terms of the concession.

The Persian Government, however, instead of taking such a course sent a communication to the Company announcing their decision to cancel the concession. The Company replied, disputing the legality of such an unilateral action. On being informed of the situation, the British Government took up the case in exercise of their right to protect a British national when injured by acts contrary to international law committed by another state.

After giving the text of the notes exchanged, the memorandum says the British Government was compelled to take a serious view of the situation created by the Persian Government's actions, which could only be regarded as an unilateral act of confiscation, contrary to international law and constitution, in this case an international wrong done to the United Kingdom in the person of a British company.

Moreover if this action were to be followed by an attempt to take possession of the Company's extensive and immensely valuable properties in Persia or should any action or inaction by the Persian Government lead to serious injury to property or personnel of the Company a situation of utmost gravity would arise.

It was matter for disquietude that the Persian Government had refused to accept responsibility for any such loss for damage, although the terms of the concession bound the Persian Government to take necessary measures for the protection of property and employees.

The British Government, it continued were most anxious that the difficulties between the Persian Government and the Company should be settled by an amicable and fair agreement.

They emphatically repudiated the allegation they had done anything to impede such an agreement and in fact took no steps in the matter at all until the Persian Government created the present situation by the illegal step of cancelling the concession.

Obviously, negotiations could not be fruitfully pursued while the Persian Government claimed to treat the concession as having been terminated by their own unilateral act. The British Government were most anxious that the dispute should not disturb their hitherto friendly relations with the Persian Government and would do everything in their power to co-operate with the Council in obtaining an amicable and equitable settlement. They urged upon the Council, the necessity of taking appropriate steps to tend to the maintenance of status and to prevent the interests of the company from being prejudiced pending the proceedings before the Council.

Sir William Malkin, in presenting the British case to the Council, said that his Government felt, that it contained elements which required the Council's attention in a matter of urgency. The Persian Government were entitled to a reasonable period for the presentation of their case, but he hoped that the matter would be ready for consideration at the Council meeting to be held on January 23.

One case of diphtheria was notified to the Health authorities during the week-end.

That there was negligence but that it did not amount to gross negligence, was the decision of a jury empanelled to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of a woman named Man Yau-lan, who was killed on December 3 in the course of blasting operations at Taikoktsui.

RAINFALL NO AND TO RESERVOIR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Hong Kong Jockey Club, whose course has to be watered daily in order to get the ground into good condition for the annual meeting at the end of next month, will effect a considerable saving through the rainfall, while other grounds, including the golf courses, the Hong Kong Football Club ground and the Military sports field at Sookunpoo, which are dependant on hand watering during the dry months of the year, will benefit as well.

Road Blocked.

The constant rain yesterday, caused a fall of a large quantity of rock on Belchers Street, in the West Point district and to-day the road is blocked. The fall occurred near the junction of Beach Street, just past the Fire Station building. Traffic in consequence, has been diverted to Holland Street and Sand Street, until the rock is cleared from Belchers Street.

A small washout occurred on the hillside of Tai Foo Street, in the Shaukiwan district, where a hut collapsed. Its sole occupant, a man named Yeung Tung Hing, 60, sustained slight injuries, but he refused hospital treatment.

Correspondence.

"SQUEEZE".

[To the Editor, "China Mail."]

Sir,—In those comments, occasioned by the recently published report of the S. P. C., made upon Hong Kong poverty, I did not notice, among the factors mentioned as being responsible for the shocking state of affairs disclosed therein two, which, in my opinion, are of the very greatest importance—I refer to the practice of contract sub-letting and of "squeeze."

The squeeze and cumshaw evils, practised by contractors so generously in more prosperous times, but now more cautiously restricted, in their application to the really influential, must very seriously reduce wages, particularly in the case of those contractors whose speciality is the supply of "contract labour" only.

Squeeze and cumshaw money obtained from contractors, I hold to be, in a very real sense, "blood money"—flesh and blood money.

Similarly, sub-letting, especially the sub-sub-sub-sub-letting that takes place in Hong Kong, must, to a great extent, deprive the wage earner, of his proper share of the money apportioned to the job in hand.

It seems to me that energy expended in an effort towards the abolition of evils such as those here mentioned would be thus much more commendably and usefully employed than in; say, the harassing of hapless, helpless, homeless hawkers, and suchlike trivialities that occupy so much of the valuaple time of some of our busy public servants.

ENGINEERING CO.'S DIVIDEND.

Annual Meeting In London To-day.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd. will be held in London to-day, when the directors' report and statment of accounts for the year ended June 30, 1932, will be submitted.

The net result of the year's transaction shows a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of £119,836.

The Directors have recommended a final dividend of 5 per cent., free of Income Tax, which will absorb £98,000, leaving a balance of £21,836 to be carried forward.

A reward of $100 has been offered by the police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Leung Man-king, *alias* Leung King-kee, the No. 2 "boy" formerly employed by Mr. W. G. Goggin of 195, The Peak, wanted in connection with a jewel theft.

The Colony Billiards Championship

Holder Receives Bye Into Second Round

TO COMMENCE ON FRIDAY

J. OSMUND, the Colony Billiards Champion, was the only seeded player in the draw for the Colony Billiards Championship, and was given a bye into the Second Round.

The First Round matches will be decided by 250 up, the Second and Third Rounds by 500, the Semi-Final by 750 and the Final by 1,000 points.

The Championship which is being held under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Club will commence on Friday. The following is the draw, all matches commencing at the St. Patrick's Club at 8.30 p.m.

Dec.			
23	Gnr. Bailey (R.A.)	v.	Pte. Atkinson (Lincolns)
27	S/M. Smith (R.E.)	v.	Gill (University)
29	Sgt. Buckle (R.E.)	v.	A. Oswick (Dockyard)
Jan.			
2	Cpl. Cottle (R.E.)	v.	Pte. Baker (Lincolns)
4	Lieut. King (Lincolns)	v.	Pte. Herriott (Lincolns)
7	Charles Sinn (Police)	v.	F. Jones (Dockyard)
9	Sergt. Ash (Lincolns)	v.	E. Remedios (St. Patrick's)
11	F. Brimblecombe (Prison Officers' Mess)	v.	C.P.O. Simmonds (Navy)
12	J. A. da Luz (Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, N.V.)	v.	Donald C. Durham
14	Osmund, Jun. (St. Patrick's)	v.	C.P.O. Barwis (Navy)
16	L/Cpl. Molthy (Lincolns)	v.	P. Ivanovich
17	A. P. Pereira, Jun. (St. Patrick's)	v.	S. M. da Cruz
18	L. E. Remedios (St. Patrick's)	v.	W. Hill (Sanitary Dept.)
19	B. Silva (St. Patrick's)	v.	W. A. Palmer (Palace)
21	C/Sgt. E. Jarman (S.W.B.)	v.	T. Gooding (Prison Officers' Mess)

To-Day's Short Story.

THE LAIRD'S LUCKY NUMBER

By J. J. Bell.

CONSIDERING his ancestry, one could not but regard the Laird of Cockernony as a freak—a sport, in the non-sporting sense — a miss-shoot of the family tree. All his forbears had been fighting men, more or less, sober or in their cups; their womenfolk thrifty, patient housewives, devoid of ideas save those domestic.

At forty-two the Laird was a recluse, a book-worm, a bachelor, and a poltroon, with never an intimate acquaintance, much less a boon companion. Perhaps he might have imbibed at least a flavouring of the ancestral spirit had his father survived that steeplechase of forty years ago. As for his mother, kindly enough in her rare moments of leisure, she had spent her existence and herself in "keeping a nice house" and saving pennies. To all intents and purposes, the Laird was brought up, intellectually, by a poor schoolmaster who had seldom crossed the bounds of his own county.

At thirty the Laird had found himself alone, helpless alike in worldly and domestic matters. Fortunately, and thanks to the maternal parsimony, he could afford to pay a lawyer to attend to his business affairs, an odd-job man, and a woman to—well, you shall see.

On the evening of his forty-second birthday—unaware, one imagines, of the anniversary—the Laird dined, as usual, in the dingy parlour, which was the only habitable-room in Cockernony House. The dining-room had the atmosphere of a vault; the drawing-room was positively mouldy; mice dwelt in the piano. The housekeeper was supposed to air and fire the rooms regularly; but the Laird, from lack of courage, had long since given up inspecting the rooms, because Mrs. Crow seemed to resent his inspection.

He was now attacking—the right word—the third and concluding course, a blancmange. Ten years he had carelessly mentioned to his new housekeeper a liking for blancmange and tapioca; since when he had received them night about.

It was not an attractive table. Early in her period of service Mrs. Crow had fallen into the habits of setting down all the courses at once and of changing the cloth not oftener than once a month. The Laird had disapproved, but silently, and as time went on his disapproval became moribund.

But this evening it had stirred, awakened, revived. Why, who shall say? It might have been the dinner itself; for the soup was singed, the potatoes were slush, the chop was cremated, and the blush, sugarless blancmange would have stopped a bullet. Yet these drawbacks were no novelties. Again, it may have been the book lying to the left of his plate, wherein he chanced on a reference to certain delights of that good old gourmet, Lucullus. But probably it was merely a long-suppressed instinct inherited from his mother, who had ever combined a certain niceness with her frugality.

Enough that the Laird was angry—angrier than for many a day. With his spoon he gave the unconquerable blancmange a vicious scud, and pushed away the plate. He looked around him; and suddenly the squalor of the apartment became vividly evident—the dust on the sideboard and mantelpiece, the ragged holes in the carpet, the cobwebs in the corners, the grime on the pictures, one of them badly askew, and a dozen other eyesores.

Setting his lips, he arose and advanced to the ancient bell-rope of faded crimson and moulting tassel. But his courage had not yet reached the pulling point. With a groan he snatched up his book and threw himself heavily into his easy-chair. Dust arose around him. In exasperation he kicked out with his right foot; the old carpet slipper, loose by reason of the burst at the heel, flew off; and he beheld that which ought not to have been visible at such an hour—his great toe. But neither was the sight thereof a novelty. Nevertheless, it brought him to action. He reached out and gave the rope a gentle tug.

Down in the kitchen, a disorderly, dilapidated but agreeably fuggy place, Mrs. Crow sat drinking her third cup of tea and buttering her fourth slice of hot toast. At the single *ting* of the bell she started, stared, and remarking to herself that a mouse had done it, returned to her pleasing occupation. At fifty-nine Mrs. Crow was of far from prepossessing appearance; but let us be kind and say merely that she was flat-chested, duck-footed, fish-faced and frowsy.

While yet the bell feebly waggled, an aged man in ragged tweeds came in from the scullery, where he had been chopping wood, and gazed up at it, gaping in astonishment.

"Mrs. Crow," he said, turning at last, "are ye no' goin' to answer it?"

"It was a moose," she replied, and bit deeply into the succulent toast, adding indistinctly: "He would never tak' sich a gross liberty."

Whereupon the bell rang briskly.

With a grunt of annoyance Mrs. Crow hastened to finish her meal.

"It'll be near ten year since that bell was rung," observed the old man, returning, with shaking head, to his chopping.

Upstairs the Laird eyed ruefully the bell-rope lying in a heap on the floor, and wished he hadn't pulled it. But the wrath still glowed.

Suddenly, as at a blast, the door flew in. Mrs. Crow took the threshold in a stride, halted in an attitude of lofty dignity, and with awesome haughtiness put the question:

"Did ye ring?"

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TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "The Phantom Bus," by W. Elwyn Backus.

CANTON EXHIBITION INVITATIONS.

Hong Kong Urged To Send Displays.

Three members of the organising committee of the Canton Exhibition, arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday to arrange with local firms to exhibit their goods.

Mr. Mou Kung-hui, one of the representatives, speaking at a reception held at the Nam Tong Restaurant, said that the exhibition would open on February 15, at Yuet Shau Shan, Canton. Manufactured goods of all descriptions would be exhibited, in addition to literature and agricultural produce.

Messrs. Sincere's, Wing On, and the Sun Company have offered to act as receiving depots for those firms wishing their goods to be displayed, while Mr. Lai Kung-chee of the Kung Sheung Yat Po, will take delivery of any fine arts and curios which exhibitors wish to show.

CONGRESS URGED TO CONSIDER PARLEY.

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United States' demands, did not exceed one quarter of the amounts, imposed to support military establishments. The cancellation of debts would only free larger sums for further military preparations, he declared.

Must Honour Request.

The United States has made double the total sacrifice of any other nation in bringing about the past year's moratorium, he said.

"This act of goodwill must not now be made an excuse or opportunity to demand further a sacrifice, but we must honour the request for a discussion by the nations who sought to maintain their obligations to us."

The successful outcome of an Economic Conference would be greatly furthered if the debt problem were explored in advance, even though the final agreement might well be contingent upon a satisfactory solution of economic and armament questions, the President concluded.

New Zealand's Offer.

In the House of Commons, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, announced, amid cheers, the offer of the New Zealand Government to resume liabilities for her war debt payment to Great Britain, if the suspension granted following the Hoover Moratorium was made on the assumption of a continued moratorium by the United States.

The Government, said Mr. Thomas, was most grateful to the New Zealand Government, in view of their own difficulties and responsibilities, and had conveyed their appreciation.

The matter, meanwhile, was receiving the attention of the Government.—British Wireless Service.

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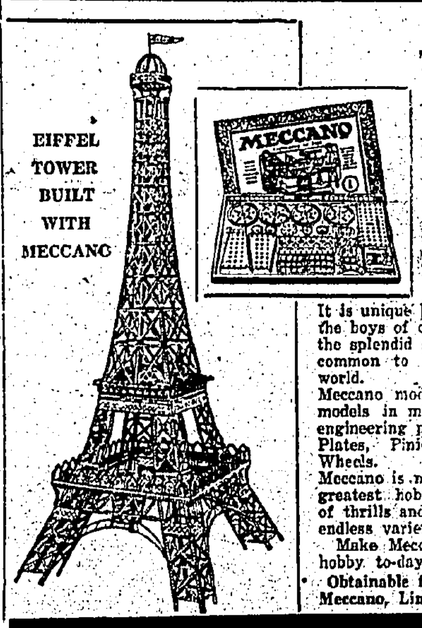

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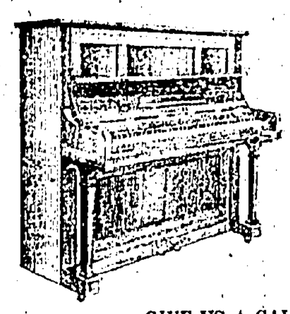

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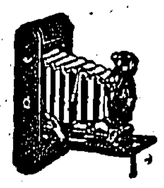

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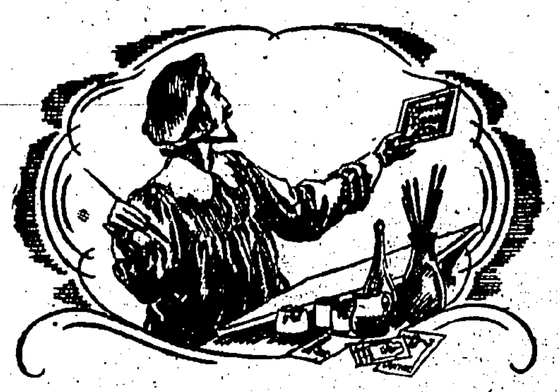

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WHITEWAY-WILKINSON LEADS WITH 28

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WEATHER CAUSES STICKS TO BECOME TOO DRY

C.B.A. LADIES AT PRACTICE.

(By Centre Half.)

FIELDING only ten men, the Club "A" gained a good victory over a team from H.M.S. Cornwall by 3 goals to nil at King's Park last Friday afternoon. W. E. Williams, the Welsh International and Club first eleven player, greatly strengthened the forward line, and was responsible for two of the Club's goals. Major MacIntyre netted the other. A feature of the match was the fact that **E. G. S. Dale, the Club skipper, broke two sticks, while a Cornwall player suffered the same misfortune with his stick.** It will be remembered that G. Fowler of the Y.M.C.A. broke three sticks not long ago. Players will welcome the change in the weather which should now stop their sticks from becoming too dry.

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PACKER, the left half back of H.M.S. Phoenix Mamak team, sustained a nasty injury to his head last Monday afternoon prior to the commencement of the Mamak match between the Phoenix and the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club on the Naval ground. Packer, with other members of the team was engaged in the usual practise before the game when he had the misfortune to get his head in the way of a stick, before another player had made contact with the ball. As a result of the hit, Packer was cut on the left side of the head which necessitated medical attention. **Though willing to participate in the game, the Phoenix captain thought it wiser that Packer should stand down.** The Phoenix played throughout the game with ten men, but they, however, won by 3 goals to 1.

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JONES, the Phoenix right full back, towards the termination of the same game, received a hard hit on the right ankle with the ball from close range. Immediately after being hit Jones tried to stand, but he fell to the ground, and found it necessary to retire from the game. **In the last five minutes of the game, the Phoenix were playing only nine men!**

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ALLEN, the brilliant Medway Mamak team forward, had an outing for the first time on Sunday afternoon after being in hospital for nearly ten weeks suffering from a fractured jaw. Obtaining three hours leave, Allen went over to the Marina ground to see his comrades play against the St. Andrew's Club. **He will not, however, be able to play for at least another six weeks.**

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BAD luck has dogged the Medway, for not only will they be without the services of Allen, but also of Hawgood, their dashing centre-forward. Hawgood is in hospital with a broken ankle, and will be unable to participate in hockey for another two months. Hawgood sustained his injury under peculiar circumstances. **He slid on a banana skin on the Caroline Hill ground during the match with the German Club!**

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CONGRATULATIONS will be offered to A. M. G. Philippens, of the Central British Association hockey team, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss M. Witchell on December 29. Philippens last season was a regular player for the C.B.A. and figured in the defence in a number of the Mamak matches. He has not taken up hockey this season as he is concentrating on tennis. The sister of his bride, Mrs. E. L. Pinguet, is herself a keen hockey player, and was a member of the former C.B.A. Ladies team.

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MISS E. S. WOOLLEY, who was elected a Vice-President of the Central British Association at this year's meeting, is staging a come-back to the hockey field. She has signified her willingness to play for the revived C.B.A. Ladies eleven. Miss Woolley led the former Kowloon Ladies' team in the 1929-30 season. She was seen in action on Sunday morning, when a number of the ladies engaged in practice. G. MacNider, who played at inside left for last season's C.B.A. XI, was given a tryout at centre-forward, supported by M. Warnes and E. Carroll. A. E. E. Steele took the centre-half position, while M. Whitley, H. Wylie and H. Ambrose played in the defence. K. Nightingale is another recruit to the team.

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THE following is a complete list of goal-scorers in the Mamak Tournament to date:

Twenty-eight:—
Lieut. Whiteway-Wilkinson (Signals).

Twenty-four:—
G. Singh (Radio).

Twenty:—
A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's).

Thirteen:—
Hawgood (Medway).

Eight:—
W. Jones (Signals).

Seven:—
R. C. Reed (Incognitos).
Guggan Singh (H.K.S.).

Six:—
E. C. Fincher (St. Andrew's).
E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's).
Lt. Macfarlane (H.K.S.).
Lewis (Medway).
Lt.-Comdr. Tetley (Tamar).

Five:—
Barnett (Phoenix).
O. de Sousa (University).
Awtar Singh (Radio).
K. Singh (Radio).

Four:—
Bakhtawar Singh (H.K.S.).
Pritam Singh (H.K.S.).
C. E. Barros (Incognitos).
Capt. Eve (R.A.S.C.).
Tipple (R.A.S.C.).
R. Harding (R.E.).
Senior (R.A.S.C.).

Three:—
Chaffey (Signals).
Prelain Singh (H.K.S.).
N. A. E. Mackay (St. Andrew's).
J. Pinto (Incognitos).
C. C. Francis (Incognitos).
Karter Singh (Police).
Murrell (Wishart).
Banister (Wishart).
Mueller (German Club).

Two:—
McRae (Parthian).
H. Singh (Radio).
Rimmer (Veteran).
Pennell (Police).
Perkins (Police).
Pegg (R.E.).
Keene (R.A.S.C.).
Sousa (Incognitos).
E. V. Reed (Incognitos).
Tara Singh (H.K.S.).
Major MacIntyre (12th R.A.).
Bryce (Signals).
Pearce (Phoenix).
Von Essen (German Club).

One:—
Dormer (12th R.A.).
Smith (R.A.M.C.).
Convey (Signals).
Atta Singh (Radio).
Ross (Veteran).
Lazenby (R.A.S.C.).
Stone (Tamar).
Prior (Phoenix).
Swan (Phoenix).
Carroll (St. (Andrew's).
Blackbourn (Police).
Ahmed (K.I.T.C.).
Barlow (R.A.S.C.).
Himbury (R.E.).
Hayden (R.E.).
Salt (24th R.A.).
Allen (Medway).
Harris (Police).
Hill (Veteran).
Sloane (8th Destroyers).
Leslie (R.E.).
Colby (R.A.M.C.).
Lt. Laine (12th R.A.).
Palmer (12th R.A.).
Colledge (R.A.M.C.).
Knight (R.A.M.C.).
Kirpa Ram (R.A.S.C.).
Tate (Police).
Ghulam Mohamed (Police).
Atta Mohamed (R.A.S.C.).
Khuda Bux (H.K.S.).
Goodrich (Wishart).
Maguire (Signals).
Rodrigues (University).
Lange (German Club).

MITCHELL TAKES 11 FOR 144.

Badcock Scores 100 For Once Out.

M. C. C. FIFTH VICTORY.

Launceston, Yesterday.

THE M.C.C. touring cricket eleven defeated Tasmania by an innings and 126 runs here to-day.

The home side lost their remaining 7 wickets for only 92 runs and were forced to follow on 273 runs in arrears. Mitchell, the Derbyshire slow bowler, caused the collapse, taking 6 for 70. Putman scored a hard hit 56 not out, but the remaining batsmen could do little on a wicket which had been dried by a hot run.

Mitchell was again successful in the second innings, his slow spinners giving him 5 for 74 out of a total of 147. F. R. Brown took 3 for 28, and Badcock, who scored 57 in the first innings, carried his bat for 43.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

M.C.C.: 502 (Sutcliffe 101, Nawab of Pataudi 109, Ames 107, Paynter 102, Putman 4 for 156, James 6 for 96).

Tasmania: 279 (Badcock 57, Putman 56 not out, Mitchell 6 for 70).
147 (Badcock 43 not out, Mitchell 5 for 74 F. R. Brown 3 for 28).

—Reuter.

Results to Date

The following have been the results of the M.C.C. team to date:

v West Australia—Drawn
v Combined Australian XI—Drawn
v South Australia—Won by inns & 129.
v Victoria—Won by inns & 183
v New South Wales—Won by inns & 44
v Australian XI—Drawn
v AUSTRALIA—Won by 10 wkts.
v Southern Districts, N.S.W.—Drawn
v. Tasmania—Won by inns & 126.

BRILLIANT GOLF BY L. R. ANDREWES.

M. W. Budd Wins Second Place In Jasper Cup.

Though L. R. Andrewes lost to M. W. Budd, the Colony champion, in the play off for the second place in the Jasper Cup he won a silver spoon for the best morning round, and went even better than that by winning the Bogey Pool over the old course by 7 up with a 3 handicap.

Other leading scores in the field of 39 in the Bogey Pool were:

A. K. MacKenzie (5) 4 up.
G. C. Worrall (11) and J. B. Logan (7) 3 up.
M. W. Budd (plus 1), J. E. Richardson (13), H. Hampton (11) and J. B. Logan (7) one up.

LADIES' GOLF.

The Taggart Cup Qualifying Round having been cancelled on Sunday, owing to unfavourable playing conditions, the Competition will now be played without a qualifying Round, and intending competitors are asked to enter their names on the lists at Fanling or Happy Valley, or to notify Mrs. Lambert, Hon. Secretary, Telephone 56589. Entries close on Friday, December 23.

Manila Boat Club To Entertain R.H.K.Y.C. in Interport Races

The Manila Boat Club has announced that they are entertaining a rowing team from the rowing section of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on January 28. The Interport races will be in fours and pairs for the Interport Challenge Cup.

The Interport Cup was first presented in 1925 on the occasion of Hong Kong's last visit to Manila when they took the cup with them upon their departure. Manila, however, sent a team to the Colony this year which won back the trophy.

Both Manila and Hong Kong are now in training for the races but no opinions as yet have been expressed as to the hopes of either club. It is certain, however, that the struggle for possession of the coveted trophy will be one of the keenest seen on the Pasig for a good many years past.

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CROSS-WIND GOLF

By JOYCE WETHERED

THE test of playing in a wind is not one that appeals to every player: it can often prove to be more a trial than a pleasure. Indeed, it can only be properly enjoyed if the player—to some extent at any rate—is a master of the shots, so that the ball is not left completely at the mercy of the elements.

If only the flight of the ball can controlled adequately on a strong and gusty day, then the game becomes all the more interesting and exhilarating.

Of course, the test of wind adds very considerably to the difficulties and complications that already exist. That is only to be expected. It means that at least four varying conditions have to be contended with in the course of the round where the holes lie at different angles.

Sometimes it will be a cross wind from right to left: at other times the wind will be with or against the player. Each of these four contingencies presents a different problem, and in this article there will only be space to deal with the two cross winds.

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I WOULD first point out that there are two principles that can be adopted in playing in a cross wind. The player can either "use the wind"—that is, take advantage of it in matter of length by playing away into a left or right hand wind with a slice or pull and leaving the ball to its influence, so that the ball will be blown back into the line of play again; or the player can "hold the ball up into the wind"—that is, by playing with a pull when it is left-handed or with a slice when it is right-handed.

In the latter case the effect of applying this opposite spin on the ball is to produce the straight flying shot, and this is the shot I propose to discuss, as I believe, as a general principle, in playing it whenever it is possible.

"Using the wind" is, of course, an excellent method where length is all important, since the ball will finish its flight with the wind helping it. In approaching, however, where distance is not the main consideration, this can be an extremely dangerous shot, as the run of the ball is practically out of the control of the player. It will be a matter of difficulty to judge the distance up to the hole with any accuracy, and more often than not the ball will run blindly over the green. If, too, the green is protected by side bunkers it can be readily seen that the shot is not likely to be a safe one.

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"HOLDING up into the wind" has the advantage of producing the straight shot, and one that is controlled to a far greater extent by the player, the wind acting as a brake or a cushion rather than adding impetus to the flight and run of the ball. Usually, therefore, the best plan is to aim at hitting a ball which will fly as straight as possible under every condition (except, as I have said, where extra length is imperative), by correcting, or defeating the force of the wind.

How then are we to do this correcting? To take, first of all, the wind blowing on to your back and shoulders, a very simple and useful idea which may be helpful in producing a shot with draw is to remember in the down swing to keep the arms close in to the body. The wind will be doing its best to persuade you to turn your shoulders too quickly and so make the club head swing out on the way down and therefore come across the ball.

I think a better idea than to consider the shoulders is to concentrate on keeping the elbows close to the side in coming down and until the ball is reached. The club head should then be approaching the ball from inside the line of play.

On no account check the follow through of the club head, because to the extent that you allow the follow through to continue (on the slightly outward line which it is following) to that extent the amount of draw will appear in the show.

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The first yard of the follow through is the one part of the swing which is less interfered with by the wind than any other, chiefly because the club head itself is low and travelling its fastest at the moment. Particularly when a pull is required must this yard of the swing be concentrated on.

And remember that the club head cannot possibly follow through in a slightly outward direction unless it has previously approached the ball from inside the line of play. Keeping the arms close to the body ought to ensure this happening.

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SECONDLY, in order to cut the ball up or, in other words, slice it against a right-hand wind, the path of the club must be altered. Come in across the line of play instead of out and over it.

In doing this allow the shoulders to turn earlier and let the arms swing further away from the body in the down swing. The wind will be blowing in your face, and it will be doing all it can to press and flatten your arms against your body.

Resist this influence, however (which would be excellent if a pull were wanted), and keep the arms swinging freely away from the body both on the up and down swing. As a rule your policy should be to do just what the wind is trying to prevent your doing.

Next week I shall have something to say about a following and a head wind both of which have their peculiar difficulties, and, I might add, their fascinations.

SPORT PAGE

CLUB'S $1,500 TOWARDS RUGBY INTERPORT

Rumours Of Cancellation Discounted.

TEAM TO LEAVE ON JAN. 21.

Programme Of Matches In Northern City.

(By Scrum Half.)

THERE is a possibility that the Interport Rugby match between Hong Kong and Shanghai in the Northern port next month will not take place.

I understand that finance is the root of the trouble, and that several of the leading players have stated that they will be unable to make the trip. Should this be the case it will be doubly unfortunate for Hong Kong, who in any case would be unable to send up a full representative side owing to the inability of the Selectors taking whom they desire from the Bank.

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THIS morning, however, I was reassured by a Club member that all difficulties would be surmounted. He told me that the Club had guaranteed $1,500 towards defraying the expenses. I also understand that the team will probably go up to Shanghai by the N.Y.K. vessel s.s. Fushimi Maru and return by one of the Empress boats.

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D. McLELLAN, who is acting captain in the absence of Dr. J. A. R. Selby, tells me that the team hope to leave on January 21. The Interport game is scheduled for January 28, and the second game, against the U. S. Marines, will be played on the 30th.

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IT will be a great pity if the match is allowed to slide as the last match against Shanghai dates back to February 1931 when Snanghai sent a team down here. The invitation to visit Shanghai last February was unavoidably cancelled owing to the outbreak of trouble in the northern city.

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ON Saturday the Club are playing the Combined Services fifteen and a rousing game is assured with the odds slightly in favour of the Services. J. H. McElney, the Club hooker, is probably taking a well earned rest on account of a recurrence of a former knee injury, and A. F. Jenkins will probably take R. H. Griffiths's place to partner W. H. B. Rigg in the centre.

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THE Club will commence the New Year two points in arrears of the Army in the Triangular Tournament, but I have sufficient confidence in the Civilian side after their good display against the Navy on Saturday to believe that they will avenge their former defeat at the hands of the Army by a solitary point. The Club forwards are blending into a useful pack and the three quarters are showing a better understanding of one another's play than was before evident. The Navy will not be strengthened by the return of the Devonshire, I am given to understand, and look like being wooden—spoonists as both the Army and the Club will beat them at their present strength.

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THE following will represent the Club "A" fifteen against a team from the South Wales Borderers on the Club ground, Happy Valley, at 5 p.m. to-morrow:—

S. J. H. Fox; R. Goldman, L. Goldman, R. H. D. Wade, A. H. Harbord; A. D. Lowson, A. W. Torrible; J. E. H. Cogan, R. Stillard, G. C. Moutrie, R. I. Cherrill, F. R. Burch, A. G. Dalziel, M. N. Cochrane, A. R. Cox.

The Borderers will be represented by the following.—Sergt. Gould; Pte. Lewis, Lieut. Richardson, Pte. Walters and Cpl. Shaw; L/C Hewitt and Lieut. Hamilton; Sergt. Constant, Pte. Lloyd, Pte. Gilmore, Pte. Watkins, Pte. Whelan, L/C Evans, L/C Birch and Pte. Evans.

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SEVERAL new players for the Kowloon Rugby Club have been recruited from the Royal Air Force, and it is conceivable that the Kowloon fifteen will be considerably stronger in the New Year. The new players have not yet been given a try-out in a match, but if they prove as good as their fellow-workers, Peart, Fogg and Bonham, who at present play in the team, they are certain of places.

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F. ANGUS, the Secretary of the Kowloon team, hopes to gain the support of the Navy in order to use the C.B.A. ground at King's Park during the second half of the season. This season few matches have been played on this ground owing to the high up-keep of the ground and the financial embarrassment of the Club, so that Rugby has only been played at the Valley and at Sookunpoo. If Angus's hopes materialise it may act as a boost to the Kowloon Club in addition to providing a third Rugby centre.

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S. M. GARRARD, an ex-Hong Kong rugby player, who has had the distinction of playing in the first teams of Calcutta, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai, has just recovered from a knee injury and will take his place in the front row of the Singapore pack, where he figured prominently last year in the Cup Final.

Garrard, it is said is one of the finest forwards seen in Singapore and Malaya, since the days of M. S. Bonaventura, an ex-captain of Singapore and later an English International.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

Encouraging Support For Kwanti

Entries And Handicaps

The following are the ponies entered for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club Christmas and New Year Meetings at Kwanti on Tuesday, December 27 and Sunday, January 1. The handicaps are given as follow:

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The Volunteer Corps Steeplechase Unofficial

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Britannic Hall	158
Cupid	161
Demurrer	146
Maple Leaf	161
Mongolian Stag	152
Peter Davy	149
Red Leaves	152
Social Mark	149
White Stars	146

The Tally Ho Steeplechase (Unofficial)

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Black Maria	168
Bright Prospect	168
Duke of Normandy II	168
Dunce	168
Hefty	168
Malakite	168
Mellguards	168
Tony	168

The Ladies Race (Unofficial)

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Alexandra Hall	150
Festival Eve	150
Golden Arrow	150
Golden Star	150
Jan Stewer	150
Snappy Eve	150
Tommy Boy	150
Valley Hall	150
Wembly Stag	150
Wonderful Star	150

The Polo Scurry (Unofficial)

Boy of Calamity, County, Nestor, Patch, Picallilli, Ploughman, Purity, Skean Dhu, Shin Mo, Sunrise Eve and Happy Hit.

The Christmas Plate

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Amos	155
Blue Plane	149
Christmas Belle	152
Estrellita	155
Imperial Hall	152
Jimmy	149
Jupiter	158
Sanction	155
Shanghai Beau	149
Sunning	152
Tien Feng Shan	146
Until Then	155

The Christmas Steeplechase

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Amos	165
Anson	153
Banjolina	156
Champagne Bay	155
Choctow II	155
Country Club	147
Duke of Milan	159
Fanling Stag	147
Fighting Blood	158
Just Imagine	171
Loch Ness	149
Loch Ryan	150
Rooslan	165

The Christmas Hurdle Race

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Anson	153
Banjolina	156
Black Maria	153
Celerity	147
Christmas Belle	152
Cloudy Eve	153
Cupid	171
Daylight Eve	155
Devon	161
Fighting Blood	158
Just Imagine	171
Little Gem	158
Mouche	156
Zephyr	149

NEW YEAR MEETING

The Troop Steeplechase

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Britannic Hall	158
Cupid	161
Demurrer	146
Jan Stewer	146
Maple Leaf	161
Mongolian Stag	152
Mouche	161
Peter Davy	149
Red Leaves	152
Social Mark	149
White Stars	

The United Services' Hurdle Race (Unofficial)

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Bright Prospect	168
Cloudy Eve	168
County	168
Dunce	168
Malakit	168
Patch	168
Tony	168
White Heather	168
Zephyr	168

The New Year Hurdle Race

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Amos	165
Anson	153
Black Maria	153
Britannic Hall	153
Celerity	147
Cupid	171
Daylight Eve	155
Devon	161
Duke of Normandy II	147
Fighting Blood	158
Imperial Hall	152
Just Imagine	171
Little Gem	158
White Heather	156

The Ladies' Sprint Race (Unofficial)

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Amos	150
Banjolina	150
Christmas Belle	150
Estrellita	150
Fi Fa	150
Imperial Hall	150
Jimmy	150
Jupiter	150
Little Gem	150
Sanction	150
Shanghai Beau	150
Sunning	150
Toby	150
Tien Feng Shan	150
Until Then	150

The New Year Steeplechase

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Anson	158
Banjolina	161
Champagne Bay	155
Choctow II	155
Country Club	152
Duke of Milan	149
Fighting Blood	158
Hefty	155
Just Imagine	161
Loch Ness	149
Loch Ryan	155
Malakit	152
Mellguards	155
Rooslan	155

The New Year Stakes

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Alexandra Hall	157
Fanling Stag	152
Festival Eve	150
Golden Star	158
Snappy Eve	159
The Plover	158
Tommy Boy	159

The "M. L" Scramble (Unofficial)

Ponies	Weight lbs.
Amethyst	168
Boston	168
Esculado	168
Friar John	168
Pat	168
Skean Dhu	168
The Curlew	168
Violin	168
White Label	168

READING WIN.

London, Yesterday.

After three attempts Reading eliminated Coventry City by a goal to nil in the Second Round of the F. A. Cup on the Stamford Bridge ground to-day.—Reuter.

ANDERSON AND RODRIGUES SCORE 200

DONALD ANDERSON, made a welcome return to the cricket field on Saturday when he rattled up 126 against the Army and participated in a first wicket stand of 200 with A. M. Rodrigues.

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ANDERSON was only nineteen when he first earned an Interport blazer, but since that occasion his play as an all-rounder has gone off considerably. He is a beautiful batsman to watch once he has got set, possessing a splendid repertoire of strokes on the off, and a more than useful leg glide. He is, however, too prone to nibble during his first two overs, and this tendency has too frequently been responsible for his downfall. As a medium paced bowler Anderson is definitely dangerous on his day, but this season he has had a lean crop of wickets.

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ON Saturday, he batted brilliantly against the strong Army attack which included Lt. A. C. Hamilton, Capt. Mirehouse, Lt. Anstruther and Lt. Garthwaite, **and in his innings of 126, scored out of 200, he hit no fewer than twenty-five boundaries.**

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A. M. RODRIGUES, another strong contender for Interport honours next November, also batted superbly for 70, scored out of 200. He was in great form on the leg side and nine boundaries came from his bat as the result of glides and hooks.

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RODRIGUES shows splendid footwork, and it is this factor which allows him to escape innumerable l.b.w. decisions. His strength on the leg side causes him to come right across his wicket inviting an appeal when the ball comes through on to his pads. He has, however, a quick eye and the umpire is seldom troubled unless the bowler beats the 'Varsity skipper with the flight of the ball.

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WITH Rodrigues, their skipper, and Anderson in such good form the University look like fielding a strong side in the League this season. E. L. Gosano is a very useful all-rounder, having already come under the notice of the Interport Selection Committee, and "Tinker" Lee is another all-rounder who cannot be lightly discounted. L. T. Ride is also showing good form with the bat and if only F. R. Zimmern would endeavour to curb his impetuosity he too would be counted a dangerous batsman. Gosano is their fast bowler with Lee and A. T. Nomanbhoy as the medium bowlers and H. Nomanbhoy as the slow bowler. Their fielding is excellent and Zimmern has shown great improvement behind the sticks since the commencement of the season. They have yet to play their first League game.

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AGAINST the strong Army batting side Gosano gave away **only one run in his first five overs, and later took three wickets in three overs for only six runs.** Lt. Garthwaite, who was top-scorer with 47, was caught off his bowling after he had hit eight boundaries. Lt. Anstruther, who was undefeated at the close, hit 11 runs in one over from Anderson including a glorious six—the only one of the match. **"Archie" Hamilton, the Interport all-rounder indulged in a merry knock, hitting up his 20 in five hits.**

Pereira's Magnificent Bowling

Rugby Interporter Scores 14 In Partnership Of 144

PEARCE WILL BE A MENACE

RIDE AND SAYER TO ASSIST CLUB IN TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

(By Athole.)

F. D. PEREIRA, the Interport fast bowler, was in splendid all-round form on Saturday. Returning the following amazing bowling figures:

O.	M.	R.	W.
8.3	2	29	7

he at one time had captured 6 wickets for 19.

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HE was bowling at top speed throughout and his pace so deceived the Navy batsmen that he hit the sticks on six occasions. Pereira was required to bat when the champions had lost three wickets for 8 runs, but he was not over-awed by the occasion, and used the long handle to such effect that he scored 36 out of 63 to give the Indians a seven wickets victory. Included in his knock were five boundaries and a six off Mne. Jemmett.

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A. R. MINU, whose bowling won the May Interport for Hong Kong, had his analysis spoiled by a six and a boundary by Lt. Comdr. Shaw, otherwise his 8 overs for 21 runs and 2 wickets might have looked considerably better. He too used the long handle **and hit up 68 out of 98 which included a six off Paym. Lt. Comdr. Yates and ten boundaries.**

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T. A. PEARCE, the Kent amateur batsman, is going to make a lot of runs this season. On Saturday he scored only 9 out of 27, but during the time he was at the crease it was clearly apparent that **the light did not affect him at all. He was unfortunate to get in front of a straight one from Frank Goodwin which kept very low.** He was strong on the off side, but he had not got the pace of the wicket to give the leg balls the punishment they deserved. He is a splendid fieldsman at cover point and is quite as good as G. R. Sayer was at his best.

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H. OWEN HUGHES had the misfortune to drop a catch at the vital stage of the Club-K.C.C. game when he missed G. C. Burnett at 114 off Beck. It was a hard catch which went straight into his hands at second slip, but he surprised everyone by dropping it. **It might have meant victory for the Club had he held it as J. C. Lyal,** the last man in, was injured in a football match on the Friday and was not in the best of condition. As it was, however, Burnett remained with W. C. Hung until the H.K.C.C. total of 180 was passed. Before the drawing of stumps Owen Hughes dropped a similar catch from Hung, again off Beck, but the match had then been won.

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G. R. M. RICKETTS is a bowler to be watched. He is not exactly a slow bowler, using his wrists to advantage, though I suspected him of no-balling several times. He dismissed A. T. Lay and the Fincher brothers for 11 runs, but **I. McInnes treated him in the right manner with the free use of the long handle.** The newcomer to the K.C.C. hit him for two sixes, but Mr. J. P. Robinson, the umpire, signalled boundaries on both occasions. One landed on the bank behind the pavilion screen—a glorious straight drive, and the other landed on the grass terrace of the pavilion, another beautifully timed effort. **Mr. Robinson's decision might well have cost the K.C.C. the match in the course of the exciting finish.**

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A. C. BECK bowled better than his figures of 4 for 47 would suggest. He was hit aroung by A. T. Lay, but later had bad luck with snicks through the slips. Frank Goodwin also bowled well, and seems to have recovered completely from his strained muscle.

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J. E. RICHARDSON enjoyed the holiday fixture between the P.W.D. and the Sanitary Department on Saturday, and **collected 125 out of 144 scored from the bat before he retired.** He hit R. A. J. Simpson, a promising medium paced bowler for a six and two boundaries in one over. During the course of his innings he hit eighteen 4's. G. R. Sayer hit nine boundaries in his 56, scored out of 89, and it was due to his fine effort that the Sanitary Department totalled 140, but the P.W.D. won by 8 wickets.

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E. F. BUTTRESS, the former Colony Rugby forward, participated in a third wicket partnership with J. E. Richardson, the pair adding 133 of which Buttress claimed 14!

F. M. el ARCULLI again showed that he is a quick scoring batsman on Saturday when he rattled up 39 out of 66 when the junior champions had lost five wickets for 47 in their league match against the Navy. **He hit Mne. Thompson for 20 runs in one over and included eight boundaries in his 39.** It was due mainly to his batting and to the bowling of A. R. Suffiad that the Indians recorded their fourth successive win. Suffiad, who bowled 5.2 overs for 6 runs and 4 wickets, **captured his last three wickets without conceding a run.**

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N. B. KITCHELL in registering the second League century of the season treated the Service Corps bowling with such scant respect that he had a five and twenty boundaries in his 103 not out. **In his first eleven scoring strokes were ten boundaries! He was associated** with J. L. Youngsaye in an unbroken fourth wicket partnership which yielded 150 runs, of which Youngsaye's share was 17. G. R. Wynne's century for the Police against the R.E. and Signals was the first of the season.

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R. SOURBUTTS had 4 wickets for 3 runs in the same game, and eventually returned an analysis of 6 for 30. It will be recalled that Sourbutts has been the mainstay of the Craigengower team for the past two years, **and he has been the only bowler to take 9 wickets in an innings during the past two years.** He concluded that season with 46 wickets at a cost of 10.45 runs per wicket.

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THE Triangular Tournament commences on Saturday when the Club entertain the Army. It should be a good game with the Club slightly the better side. They are making one change in the side which went down to the K.C.C., Alan Reid giving up his place to L. T. Ride, the University player. The game will be continued on Boxing Day so that heavy scoring is anticipated.

The following is the Club side and the probable Army team:—

Club—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, E. R. Ducklitt, G. S. Dunkley, D. S. Harley, H. Owen Hughes, O. E. C. Marton, T. A. Pearce, G. R. M. Ricketts and L. T. Ride.

Army — Capt. Mirehouse, Capt. Wales, Lt. Hamilton, Lt. Musson, Lt. Garthwaite, Lt. Anstruther, Lt. Stocker, Lt. Cragg, Lt. Young, L/Cpl. Colledge and Pte. Dewey.

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ON New Year's Eve the Club are entertaining the Navy in their second game and the Club team and the probable Navy team is as follows:

Club—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, E. R. Ducklitt, G. S. Dunkley, H. Owen Hughes, O. E. C. Marton, T. A. Pearce, G. R. M. Ricketts, L. T. Ride and G. R. Sayer.

Navy— Capt. Burnett, Lt.-Comdr. Shaw, Sub.-Lt. Carver, Mid. Farnhill, Lt. Marsham, Pay M. Lt.-Comdr. Yates, Mne. Jemmett, Sub.-Lt. Robertson, Lt. Caden, Lt. Eaden and Mid. Boyle.

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ON Saturday the following will represent the Club in their Second League fixture against the Police at the Valley:

C. E. Gahagan (Captain), A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, A. H. Harbord, L. D. Kilbee, H. J. D. Lowe, A. D. Lowson, R. S. W. Patterson, J. E. Potter and C. A. Wright.

OLDEST OXFORD CRICKET BLUE PASSES AWAY.

Spends 88th Birthday Watching All-India Play.

Mr. William Fuller-Maitland, who has died at Brighton at the age of 88, was the oldest Oxford Blue. The funeral took place at Stansted.

He was the last survivor of the Oxford team which played Cambridge at Lord's in the match of 1864.

He spent part of his 88th birthday in May watching the Indian and Sussex cricketers playing at Hove.

In the sixties Mr. Fuller-Maitland was one of the best amateur cricketers, a good batsman and reliable in the field, but especially famous as a slow bowler.

SOUTH CHINA TEAMS.

The South China A.A. are sending a volley-ball and a basket-ball team, including men and ladies, to Swatow. The teams will leave Hong Kong on January 24 and will remain in Swatow for three days.

Oxford and the Boat Race

OXFORD PRESIDENT ON BOAT RACE

"Isis" Leader Gives The Wrong Impression.

NO REASON TO RETRACT STATEMENT.

Oxford, Nov. 16.

Mr. W. D. C. Erskine Crum, president of the Oxford University Boat Club, has sent a letter to the "Isis," the official undergraduate organ, protesting against a leading article on the failure of Oxford to win the Boat Race.

In an article headed "The Passing Boat Club," the "Isis" prints the letter which reads:

"Your leader last week has caused no small sensation among the athletic section of the University, and as an official of the O.U.B.C. I would ask you to refrain from publishing articles which give the general public the wrong impression of Oxford rowing.

"As you are the official undergraduate paper, therefore quoted by many London dailies, might I suggest that your policy towards rowing, which has been suffering greatly at Oxford in past years, might be one of friendly help and encouragement rather than one of antagonism?"

The article continues:

"We said a fortnight ago that it would need an altogether exceptional effort for Oxford to win the Boat Race and to avoid whatever unenviable consequences must follow on the tenth defeat in succession.

"In spite of Mr. Crum's letter, we can see no reason to retract that statement.

"We can only deplore the manner in which the O.U.B.C. have misinterpreted our whole-hearted support and encouragement.

"To refrain from publishing articles which do nothing but flatter the rowing men of Oxford would seem to us not only cowardly but a violation of every accepted principle of sport."

NG SZE-KWONG BILLIARDS.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps defeated H.M.S. Keppel by 4 games to 1 in the First Round of the Ng Sze-kwong Billiards Cup Tournament at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Wanchai, last night.

THE NATIONAL CORINTHIAN BAGATELLE ASSOCIATION.

Walter Lindrum, Edgar Kail And Bobby Howes On Committee.

The latest recruit to the ranks of governing bodies is the National Corinthian Bagatelle Association.

It has framed rules for tournament play under which no ball may be played more than once. The highest score recorded under these conditions is 1180.

The committee includes Walter Lindrum, Bobby Howes and Edgar Kail, the Isthmian League and International Soccer player.

Incidentally, Mr. A. T. Hill, the chairman, says that the game in its present form would have been called "Isthmian," instead of "Corinthian," but phonetics were too difficult.

ATHLETIC RETURNING.

Tso Kwai-shing, the Chinese Athletic right winger, who has been in Java on business for a year, is reported to be returning to the Colony on or before January 28.

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THE LAIRD'S LUCKY NUMBER

(*Continued from Page 7.*)

With something of an effort, the Laird got up, went to the table, and, indicating the blancmange and other things, emitted sundry not very coherent critical remarks. And before the astounded Mrs. Crow could find speech, he went on, with a slight increase of confidence, to mumble concerning the general filth of the room. And, as she opened her mouth, he stammered:

"Mrs. Crow, kindly put that picture straight."

She seemed about to refuse, then all at once she pranced, rather than walked, to the picture, and gave it a savage jerk. And lo, "The Stag at Bay" crashed to her feet!

"Well, it's yoursel' to blame for that," she snapped at him.

The Laird was well-nigh exhausted; but he made one more effort. Going back to the hearth, he bent his head and blew along the mantelshelf. A dense cloud rose.

"What is the meaning of that?" he weakly demanded.

"Ye should see a doctor about your breath!"

Then Mrs. Crow let herself go. It was a long speech, but delivered with such speed and under such stress of emotion that the Laird caught little save the concluding sentence, to wit:

"I winna bide here to be insulted—and that's my advice to you!"

The door banged. The Laird shuddered, opened his eyes, and closed them again. He had won the battle, but where was the glow of victory?

About an hour later, the old man-of-all-work came in with an ill-smelling lamp, which he placed on the table, thereby adding an oil stain to the cloth's numerous disfigurements. Then he drew near to the Laird, and said in a hoarse whisper:

"She's awa'!"

"Good job too!" answered the Laird with spurious sprightliness. "You'll not be sorry, Peter."

"I was glad to see her tail," Peter admitted. "But, oh, Laird, it'll no' be easy to get another to come to this oot-o'-the-way place."

"We'll advertise, Peter, we'll advertise! We'll make it temptsome. We'll do it at once and catch the night post. Clear the table, man, as quick as you can." And the Laird got up to procure writing materials.

His grey poll waggling dubiously, Peter took a plate in one hand, a tumbler in the other, and moved slowly towards the door.

"Come back!" cried the Laird impatiently. "You'll never clear it at that rate." He brought the four corners of the cloth together, and handed the resulting bundle to the ancient servitor, who, without evincing the slightest astonishment, took it, tottered from the room, across the dim hall, and down the stone stair, shedding as he went a miscellany of objects, including the blancmange.

"Never again," said the Laird, as he plunged his pen, "will I be subject to a housekeeper. Henceforth I'll be master, as well as Laird."

On the second morning following, his advertisement appeared in the "Glasgow Herald":

Housekeeper wanted for single gentleman of retiring, studious disposition. Cleanliness, tidiness, and good plain cookery essential. Character no object. Generous treatment. Apply at once—return House, Cockernony, by Cambusdowie, Culcabockie.

The reckless disregard for "character" was probably due to the fact that Mrs. Crow's references of ten yeas ago had been positively brilliant.

Cambusdowie's daily train, engine and two carriages, jogged into the platform almost up to time. The official who represented station master, porter, signalman, booking clerk and ticket collector came leisurely from his little house, lingering over his last mouthful of dinner. There was seldom much—usually nothing—doing at Cambusdowie. Three persons all at once on the platform made for bustle, animation and confusion. Judge then of the official's amazement when every compartment disgorged women—women of all sorts and sizes, youngish, oldish, attractive, and otherwise. Most of them looked cross; all looked eager.

The official recovered in time to reach the gate in front of the mob. Several voices inquired the way to Cockernony House. He answered mechanically, and proceeded to take tickets like a man in a dream. Later, his brain having cleared, he counted one hundred and two squares of green pasteboard.

The women went up the road in disorderly fashion, striding, trotting, each seemingly bent on being first, without making it too apparent. As the official drew breath, the local constable appeared, with the natural enough question: "What's ado?"

"The Laird has went mad," said the official, wiping his brow. "He surely imagines he's King Solomon."

"I'd better be looking into it, anyway," said the constable, after a moment's reflection. It might mean a dram from the Laird. "You never can tell what women'll be after nowadays." With which mouthful of philosophy he strode in the wake of the procession.

It was at this moment that Peter gloomily asked the Laird: "Do ye think onybody'll come?"

The Laird had his doubts, and was in low spirits.

He and Peter had found themselves incapable of cooking anything more palatable than signed porridge; and, somehow, they had managed to burst the old-fashioned kitchen boiler and flood the premises downstairs.

"Surely somebody will come," sighed the Laird; "I'm sure I made the advertisement as attractive as I could."

"If onybody comes," remarked Peter, "I'm thinkin' she'll be seekin' a spouse. Beware, Laird, o' the muckle, handsome sort!"

"Behave yourself, Peter, and go to the door and see if anybody's coming. The train was due twenty minutes ago."

When Peter looked down the avenue he received the shock of his life. He tottered back to the parlour.

"Oh, Laird, Laird!"

"What is it, man?"

"Keek oot o' the window."

The Laird "keeked"—and staggered to his easy-chair.

"Heaven help me," he said, "and I've promised to pay their fares! Quick, Peter! Run to the door. Don't let a soul o' them in."

"But what'll I say to them?"

"Anything—anything to keep them back till I think what's to be done."

Peter did his best with the mob, members of which were beginning to voice their suspicions that the affair was a hoax. He explained that his master was in a fit, but hoped to be out of it shortly. This ought to have had a reassuring effect, but somehow it hadn't, and Peter was becoming incoherent when the constable, pushing his way through the crowd, joined him.

On obtaining a comprehension of the circumstances the constable addressed the gathering.

"It will be all right, ladies," he said pleasantly. "There is no need for to be excited. The Laird was not looking for so many of you, and he is a gentleman of great modesty. But he is a man of his word; and if he promised to pay your fares, he will do it, you may be sure. It will be all right. And now kindly reform yourselves into a nice queue."

Presently he took Peter by the arm and led him into the house. Having locked and bolted the antique and massive door, they passed to the parlour.

The Laird was crouched in his easy-chair, his head in his hands.

"You would be the better of a dram, Laird," the constable said, without preface.

The Laird signed wearily to Peter, who reluctantly brought glasses and decanter from the sideboard. The constable helped himself, tossed it off, and said it was a deplorable business, but not hopeless.

"Listen!" cried the Laird, sitting up. "Do you think a man like me can interview all these women?"

"I do not," the constable replied. "A gladiator could not do it. A lawyer might; but you cannot get a a lawyer to-day."

"What am I to do?"

"Give them their fares and send them home."

"Ay; but I must have a housekeeper."

"Would you have the pluck, Laird to go out and choose one?"

"What would the others say?"

"Ay, that's just it! And they might break your windows for you. They might assault you to the diffusion of blood."

A dismal silence lasted till the constable, having taken a second dram, and poured himself out a third, said:

"I was thinking they might draw lots; but I doubt if they would be willing. However, there's another way. Have you a lucky number?"

"A what?"

"A number that has brought you great luck in the past."

"Nothing has ever brought me any luck."

"Well, well! Suppose you choose a number—anything between one and a hundred and two, exclusive—that you think would be lucky."

"I can't think of a number."

"Oh, try!" The constable drank off and prepared to have another.

The Laird, groaning, brought some letters from his pocket and turned them over.

"Here's No. 37 on the third demand for income-tax."

"That'll do fine! The very thing! Now listen Laird! I'll go outside and number them in their queue, telling each her number. And then I'll explain that no human mortal could interview a quarter o' them afore the train leaves, and so you have chose a number, and will hereby and forthwith agree to engage the lady holding that number—viz., 37. How's that?"

"Ay," said the Laird, thoughtfully, "it seems to be the only way; but, mind you, constable, I must have a modest woman."

"Keep a firm hand on her, Laird, and the flightiest'll be modest enough. Come; you'd better decide. They'll be getting restless and maybe peevish."

"Do what ye can for me, constable," said the Laird drearily, and fell again to bemoaning himself.

The constable, having quaffed his fourth glass, went out. On his appearance the queue ceased its conversation, which had been confined to the remark "Don't push!" and the retort "I didn't!" Methodically he gave each applicant her number, and returned to the top step.

"Ladies, the Laird is a just man, but being in poor health, he sees that it would be inhumanly impossible to interview a quarter of you before train time; and he could not ask you to stop the night in the byre with the cow. So he has chose a lucky number, ladies, and the lady that owns it is hereby solemnly engaged for to be his housekeeper, at thirty shilling a week, all found. All other ladies will be paid their fares in full, wi' saxpence extra for a cup o' tea, or other beverage, and a bun, if desired, as soon as he can get change for a hundred-pound note."

The constable paused, possibly for breath, possibly in anticipation of applause, which was not forthcoming; then, unembarrassed by a hiccup, he said:

"I will now declare the lucky number. Pay attention, ladies! It is 37—otherwise three dozen and one over. Lady No. 37 will kindly step forth from the queue and follow me."

In a painful silence for the queue was for the moment deprived of speech, No. 37 stepped slowly forth.

If modesty were enough, then the Laird's number had been lucky indeed. Her garb was dingy black; her bearing diffident. Humbly she moved, so overcome, apparently, by her good fortune that she sobbed freely into a large grey handkerchief.

As she ascended the steps, a murmur ran through the queue; as she entered the house, the queue disarticulated. Cries arose.

In the parlour Peter bent over his master and said hoarsely:

"It's comin'! Now, Laird, be a man! Dinna let her think ye're soft. Dinna let her commence by hopin' for matrimony. Try and look like a roarin', ragin' lion—not like an expirin' goat."

The laird rose like a sick man. The constable entered and smilingly ushered in No. 37.

"Laird," he said, "this is the lady you have solemnly and irrationally engaged for to be your housekeeper, for better or worse, till death—anyway, I'll take the liberty o' drinking a glass to your mutual—" Hand on decanter, he paused, staring.

Peter in a hushed gasp called on his Maker.

The Laird recoiled against the mantelpiece.

And the owner of the lucky number, withdrawing at last the grey handkerchief, disclosed the woebegone, penitent, familiar, fishlike countenance of Mrs. Crow.

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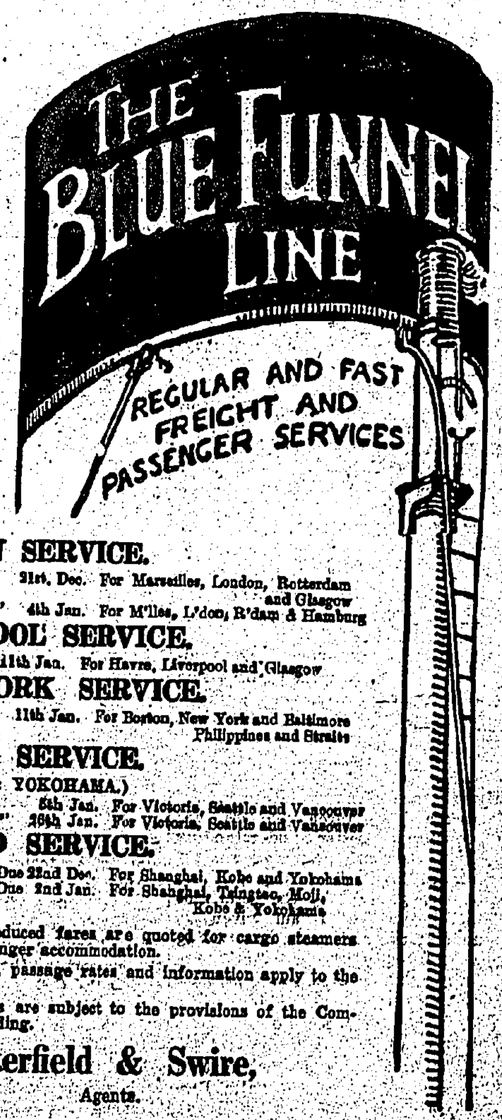

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No matter how many of these films one has seen before, one must see "BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE" to appreciate its greatness. For over 20 years, Frank Buck has been a collector of wild animals and has been supplying zoos in various countries. He has passed through Hong Kong on several occasions, and there are no doubt many local shipping firms that remember him and the many strange cargoes that he has offered. It is only fitting now that, after years of hard work in his dangerous calling, he should be able to amaze the whole world with the sound-film record of his greatest adventure.

It was in the latter part of 1930 that Buck decided to make a film. It was decided at a luncheon in New York. Two men were at the table. One was Amedee J. Van Beuren, president of the Van Beuren Corporation; the other was Frank Buck himself. There had been dickering for several weeks between the two. Buck had more than 20 years' experience as a collector of five wild animals but had only limited film experience, that which comes to every explorer who meets the ship news cameraman. He was not so sure that Mr. Van Beuren, as a motion picture producer, would understand that while the hazards of capturing animals are greater than those of taking their pictures, it was still extremely difficulty to obtain shots superior to those which had been appearing in every wild animal film. The expense of the expedition would be tremendous.

Rapid Preparations.

Finally one of the men said: "Well, that's settled." Arrangements were under way immediately. Mr. Buck dispatched without delay cables to his agent in Singapore and to his friends, who could tell their servants to round up his "boys." There were cablegrams for the English, French and Dutch authorities by way of observing the highly important amenities. Then there were telegrams to scattered spots in the United States. One went to an elderly gentleman named Morrow in San Angelo. It was an order for hand-woven lasso ropes. There was another to a New England city for special ammunition which would be true and immune to humid climatic conditions in the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra. There were such tiny details as buying extra lenses for reading-glasses. But for the most part the slogan of the newly-born Van Beuren Buck Expedition had to be "BUY BRITISH."

There would be nothing gained and probably a great deal of time and effort lost, in toting baggage and impediments across the Atlantic, over the Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal and on eastward to Singapore.

Within one month of the luncheon, the party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck, Clyde E. Elliott, the director: Nicholas Cavalier and Carl Berger, cameramen, sailed on the "Staatendam."

Take Precautions.

London, Paris, Marseilles and Singapore were on the itinerary. In Singapore, Mr. Buck was met by Ali, a boy who had accompanied him on many previous expeditions, and they were joined by Matt, Delmie, Ahmad and Samie, who also were members of past expeditions. After paying their respects to the various consuls, the expedition got under way; first by a small steamer, then by wagon, then by dugout canoes, until finally they set up camp. The site of the camp was determined by conversations at the bazaars. At one bazaar, more than a hundred miles inland, and at least half that distance in semi-jungle, the boys spoke with a Sakai who had seen a great python. At another bazaar it was apparent that a man-eating tiger was on the rampage. At this bazaar, too, it was learned the comparatively rare black panther likewise had been seen.

Wire netting was placed on all windows in the expedition's jungle headquarters, mainly as a warning signal. An animal which scratches wire netting makes a noise that is guaranteed to waken an alert sleeper. For protection against large animals, the boys built a stockade. For protection against snakes there is only prayer. When night came, double-barrelled 12 guage shotguns were distributed among the members of the party for protection against animals. A short gun spatters shot over a larger area and is almost certain to take effect in the darkness.

Hunting The Python.

There was a three weeks' wait before the thirty-foot python actually was discovered. Mr. Buck at last received word that the huge reptile had been seen. It was not difficult to stalk the python. If the collector has spotted the snake, he can keep safely out of its way. The danger is literally in crossing its path or in accidentally touching it while it is hidden by its protective coloring. (This, incidentally, explains the battles to the death between python and animals of the cat family. The "cats" never seem to learn not to paw at the snakes.)

In stalking this python, however, one of the boys was bitten by a cobra. He did not die, because Mr. Buck performed an emergency operation with a safety razor blade and had a supply of permanganate of potassium. Finally the day came when it was possible to obtain the much-desired shots of the python in battle with a tiger, the first epic action of such creatures ever beheld in a film. In this behind-the-scenes report of "Bring 'em Back Alive," it is interesting to note that some of the best sequences were not sought after. Happy accidents took place as may be surmised, in the capture of the baby elephant.

Many scenes were, to be sure, the result of well-laid plans. But not even the most placable elephant will dessert one of its offspring to provide any motion picture audiences with "elephant interest." The elephants passed on and were photographed, and the baby pachyderm would have been overlooked had he not suddenly discovered that he was alone. Then he set up a howl which attracted Buck's attention, and that part of the picture was quickly added to the film.

Fearful Fight.

Several other "lucky breaks" found their way into celluloid. It had been beyond the most optimistic plans of Mr. Buck to include a camera account of a fight between the crushing-jawed crocodile and the black panther. As a matter of fact it was hard to understand how a panther, usually crafty as well as exceedingly pugnacious, could be so stupid as to investigate a "croc."

Then there was a fight to a finish between the crocodile and the python. Buck had planned only to get shots of the python and the tiger, if possible, but at the water-hole where cameras had been set and hidden in the trees, the python met the "croc" and a battle royal took place. It was just at this period that the tiger came into the picture. He had heard all the commotion and he was naturally curious. Warily, he peered through the undergrowth and saw the python doing away with the crocodile. However, at this stage he was more concerned with his thirst, for he had been stalked the entire day by the native safari, led by Frank Buck, in the baking sun.

After the tiger had satiated his thirst, he was loath to leave the waterhole. Buck was certain from past experience that the tiger would pick a fight with the python and immediately signalled to his cameramen hidden in the trees to get ready. The python was recuperating from the rigors of the fight with the "croc" in the shade of a tree, when the king of the jungle loomed in its present.

Python Attacked.

Suddenly and swiftly the tiger lunged at the python and caught it by the jaw in an effort to bite its head off. The tiger had evidently fought pythons before, as he skilfully manoeuvred to keep at a distance from the snake's deadly coils, and yet he clings with his jaws closed on the serpent's neck. Ultimately the python gets a stranglehold on the tiger and the encounter becomes even more terrific. Had it not been for the fact that the snake had spent a considerable amount of its strength in the fight with the crocodile, there could have only one result. But the tiger's strength surpassed that of the python. The latter's tentacle-like grip is eventually broken, but not until after the camera had recorded the greatest and most amazing fight that has ever been seen by mankind.

There are many other extraordinary scenes in "Bring 'Em Back Alive," such as the fight between a black panther and a tiger; the daring capture of the rarest of the reptiles, the monitor lizard, the invasion of a native village by man-eating cats, etc.

The producers make no exaggeration when they claim "Bring 'Em Back Alive" as the greatest of all thrillers. It is more than that; it is an experience for the young and old, because it reveals thrills and sights that one may never behold again! There is no doubt that the film's success in the Orient will be just as great as in America and Europe. Packed houses greeted its premiere at the Nanking Theatre in Shanghai on December 1, and continued throughout the week.

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It is claimed that it is a powerful stimulant of the dynamic forces of the body, and by prolonging the suppleness of the arteries, has the power to prolong life. It is also said, according to a London newspaper, to be of value i ncases of arthritis, neurasthenia, neuritis and blood pressure.

The liquid, which is known as Casali-Alpha, is not on the market in this country yet, but it is to be introduced to the medical profession, which, in its turn, will introduce it to the public.

FATHER DENIES ATTEMPTING TO KILL CHILDREN

Tells Sordid Story Of Faithless Woman.

EUROPEAN IN THE CASE.

Fung Po-wan, charged with the attempted murder of his two little children, gave evidence in his own defence at the continued hearing of his case in Criminal Session, before Mr. Justice Wood, to-day.

Fung, it is alleged by the Crown, threw one of the children into the harbour and with the other in his arms, jumped in himself.

He explained, on oath this morning, that such a construction of the case was false. His son had fallen into the harbour while gazing at an aeroplane, and he had jumped in to rescue him, although he had his little girl in his arms.

Witness was overcome when he gave this testimony, and tears ran down his cheeks.

He told, too, of his unhappy breach with his concubine, whose name was Annie, and who was employed at Jimmy's Kitchen. She had become separated from him because of her relations with her employer, witness alleged. Her employer was a European.

Fung said he had learned that his concubine had been living in a flat near the racecourse, and was kept by a man. He believed her consort be the man he knew as "Jimmy," who had employed Annie as a cashier. He sought a separation.

Meanwhile, his two children had been staying with his mother-in-law on Johnson Road. Fung went for them on the day he is accused of having tried to drown them, and took them for a walk. It was while they were squatting at the edge of the wharf that an aeroplane flew overhead, he said, and the little boy overbalanced into the sea while gazing up at it.

The case is proceeding.

DOLLAR GAINS WITH SILVER STEADY.

Pound Makes Further Improvement.

After closing yesterday at 1/3¼, the local dollar rose to 1/3⅜ on opening this morning.

Spot and forward silver remained steady throughout yesterday and remained unchanged this morning, opening at 17 and 17 1/16.

A further improvement in the pound is indicated, the London on New York cross rate being quoted this morning at £-G$3.31½ against £-G$3.30⅞ yesterday. The New York on London rate improved from £-G$3.31 1/16 to £-G$3.32.

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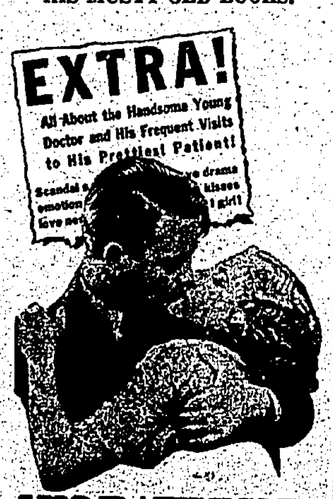

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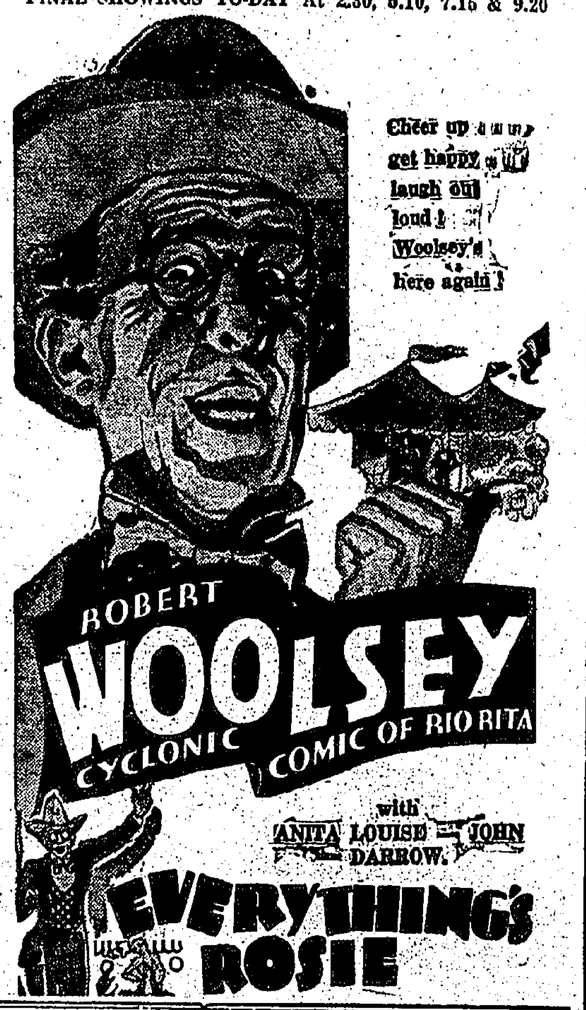

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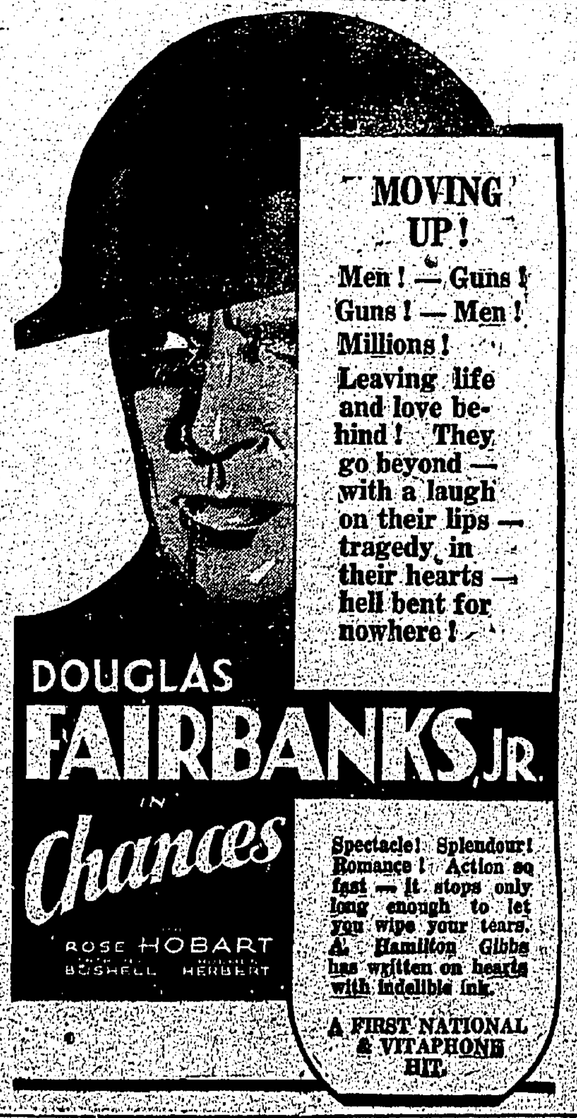

AT THE STAR
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